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TRIP CANCELLED BY SUPERSTORM

SUPERSTORM Sandy left over 100 Oswestry school pupils devastated when their five-day trip to New York was cancelled this week.

A party of 122 pupils and staff were all packed and ready to fly out on Monday morning but confirmation arrived late on Sunday afternoon that New York had been declared a no-go area with the storm set to batter the east coast of the United States.

The pupils were left 'gutted' and 'distraught' as head teacher Sarah Longville and other members of staff made calls to parents to explain that the tour operator had cancelled the trip.

Chairman of governors, Mr Arthur Walpole, said the school had to wait for the official confirmation which came late Sunday afternoon. The youngsters would have left the school bound for Heathrow at 5.30am on Monday.

"Although it became obvious that the flights would not be going we had to wait until the tour operators cancelled to make sure our insurance was not affected," Mr Walpole said.

by Graham Breeze

He said he hoped the trip could now be reorganised.

Mrs Jo Battams, from Oswestry, said her 15-year-old daughter, Hannah, had been left distraught by the news.

"The trip has been 18-months in the planning and they were all so looking forward to it," she said.

"But for us parents it is better that it was cancelled rather than them being in New York and us being worried about them back here in Oswestry."

Response

"And this way they should be able to organise a new date."

"The school was very good in its response. We all had individual telephone calls from the head or member of staff."

Forty-seven pupils between 13 and 16 and eight members of staff from Lakelands School in Ellesmere were already in New York and spent a night bunkered down in their hotel near Time Square in Manhattan.

Worried parents, desperate to find out information were initially relying on texts and social network platforms with the city's electricity and telephone systems down.

They were due to fly to Manchester on an American Airlines flight but the flight was cancelled. Now teachers are considering trying to get pupils on to flights wherever possible.

Headteacher Ian Sanders said: "The travel company is working tirelessly to find replacement flights back to the UK. To make sure that we get everyone back as soon as possible, it may be that they return in four groups, on different flights.

"Each group will obviously be accompanied by staff.

"Money has been transferred out to the US, to make sure that there are no problems making sure everyone has enough to eat and drink for as long as it takes – arrangements are in place to look after everyone."

Blackspot work will cut speed of drivers

SAFETY work at an accident blackspot near Oswestry will begin next month.

A campaign by local people and town councillors has led to an agreement by the Highways Agency to bring in a reduced 50mph speed limit on the A483 Maesbury Road junction of the Oswestry bypass.

The staggered junction has been the scene of several road accidents and at least two deaths in recent years.

The work, which will involve replacing existing signs, will start on November 19 and take four weeks to complete.

Councillors had called for a roundabout to be built at the busy junction which connects the Maesbury road and Oswestry's industrial estate to the A483.

But the Highways Agency says there is no money in the budget for such extensive works.

Instead the new speed limit is intended to slow down traffic approaching the junction.

The work will be carried out between 8.45am and 5pm and there will be some lane restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.

Highways Agency project manager, Helen Jamieson, said: "Once complete, this work will result in improved safety. We will aim to complete the work as quickly as possible to minimise disruption for road users."

Windows to be dressed

BUSINESS leaders in Oswestry will be putting the finishing touches to plans for a Christmas event when they meet on Wednesday.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce are planning an event on December 15 along with a Christmas window competition and will put the final plans together at their monthly meeting at The Wynnstay Hotel at 6pm.

Oswestry Mayor Martin Bennett will attend to discuss requirements for the Oswestry 2020 project.

Success for campaigners in water row

WATER users in Oswestry, who have complained about the taste of water in the town for almost a decade, are to have their supply changed.

Severn Trent caused a storm of controversy when it switched the town's supply from a local reservoir to water piped from the Shelton water tower in Shrewsbury.

Householders insisted that water extracted from the River Severn was too hard, and also tasted of chlorine.

After repeated complaints the water company admitted that too much chlorine had been put into the water as it was piped the 17 miles to Oswestry.

Now Severn Trent has revealed the water company is changing the supply to the town again, to water from bore holes at Eyton and Wilcott south of Shrewsbury.

Mr David Essex, from the company said the change, which would be made next year, was part of a five-year plan of investment in the Oswestry area.

"As part of a water quality improvement scheme at Eyton, the proportion of Shelton water in Oswestry will reduce to approximately 10 per cent," Mr Essex said.

"There will be no significant change to water hardness. But for those who say they do not like the taste of the river water, they can expect the taste to improve."

Pub goes back to 1970s

Bob Hedley from the Bradford Arms in Llanymynech, playing on his 1970s 'The Galaxy Empire Strikes Back' Artic Electronics game. *Picture: Simon Williams*

A PUB on the Powys/Shropshire border has travelled back to the 1970s in a bid to boost trade.

The Bradford Arms in Llanymynech has installed the classic Space Invaders game into one of the lounge tables while also unveiling a classic version of a fruit machine.

Landlord Bob Hedley said the move was in a bid to inject new interest into the pub trade in the area.

He said: "The idea came after talking to a friend who had the old Space Invaders game.

"The reaction we have had from people has been absolutely fantastic, people have been coming in and saying it has taken them right back to their youth and it has certainly boosted trade."

Van visits to replace shut police station

WELSHPOOL police station will close to the public and be replaced by a twice-weekly information van visiting a supermarket car park.

The move, part of Dyfed Powys Police's battle to save £13.5 million, will see the station's front counter shutting up shop later this year.

Instead, people will have to visit an information van at the car park at the town's Tesco.

The force said the move would not affect policing in the town and officers would continue to be based there.

A mobile police station will be set up in Tesco car park between 10am and 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The force is also working with Powys County Council to provide new Public Information Points (PIPs) to be based at various locations including town halls, cash offices and Tourist Information Centres.

Chief Constable Jackie Roberts, said: "The station will continue to provide 24 hour accessible policing services and the public can still contact the police by telephone; 999 in an emergency, or 101 for non-emergencies.

"People will still be able to speak with police by using an intercom, also known as a public service point, situated on the outside of the building that connects directly to the force's communication centre."

Child seats check shock

ALMOST 70 per cent of child car seats checked by Powys County Council needed either a minor or major adjustment, it has been revealed.

Of the 101 seats checked by officers from the council's road safety unit during a week-long roadshow across the county during October 69 per cent needed either a minor or major adjustment.

Cllr Barry Thomas, Cabinet Member for road safety, urged parents to ensure seats were fitted properly.

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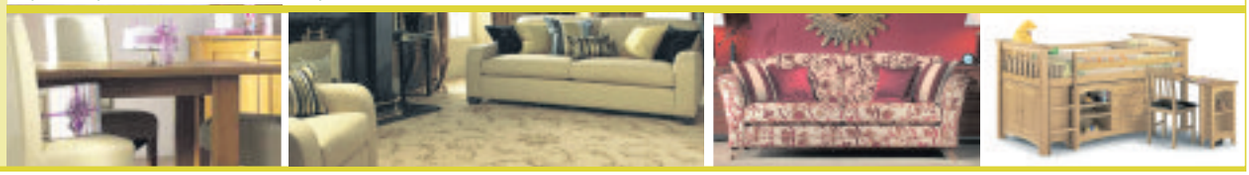

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Man's jaw broken in Halloween gang attack

by Graham Breeze

A YOUNG couple on a night out were set upon by a group of people wearing Halloween fancy dress.

The 27-year-old man suffered serious face injuries, including a double break of his jaw, after being kicked and punched unconscious.

His partner, aged 24, suffered bruising from being pushed over while trying to intervene during the attack in Shrewsbury.

One of the group said they were from Oswestry and asked for directions to a local nightclub, said investigating officer Pc Ben Oakley.

Police have issued an appeal for witnesses to the unprovoked assault which happened in the Roushill area at around 11.15pm on Saturday.

Pc Oakley said as the couple approached the junction of Roushill and Mardol walking towards Hills Lane, they were spoken to by a group of four to six people.

"They were described as being white males with dark hair, aged in their twenties and there may have been a female in the group as well. They were all dressed in black and white fancy dress costumes for Halloween, possibly as skeletons, and one was wearing a set of horns."

"Directions were given by the woman but the group started to become verbally abusive.

"When the man stepped in he was violently assaulted by all the group, knocking him to the ground. This lasted for several minutes before they ran off towards Ravens Meadow."

Pc Oakley urged anyone who witnessed the assault or who spotted the group making off, to contact him at Shrewsbury police station by calling 101.

He said: "I am appealing for any information which might help identify the offenders."

Virtuoso to perform a concert on her violin

FAMOUS violin virtuoso Tasmin Little is to perform a recital in Montgomery later this month.

Accompanied by Piers Lane she will be performing at the Friends of Montgomery Parish Church fund raising event on November 15.

The violinist recently received an OBE for her services to classical music and specifically to young people.

The Friends of Montgomery Church was formed to help raise funds to support the church and replace an antiquated central heating system.

A spokesman said: "We are launching the Friends to enable folk to be supporters of our lovely historic church.

"And to help replace our antiquated central heating system."

The recital starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £20. Call Sally Orme 01686 668630 or for more details call Sue Blower on 01686 668379 or by e-mail at *susieblowermtc@hotmail.co.uk*

Golden girl's date with royalty

Jessica Lloyd in one of the shelters built during the residential part of the award, at Brecknock Wild Camp.

A SHROPSHIRE student has a date with royalty after completing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

Nineteen-year-old Jessica Lloyd of Gobowen, travels to St James's Palace on November 14 to receive her award from the Duke of Edinburgh.

Jessica completed the five sections of her DofE programme over 24 months to achieve her award. Activities included volunteering for Brecknock Wildlife Trust, helping to promote conservation at a wild camp and completing two five-day expeditions around the Brecon hills.

"The award has enabled me to take part in a variety of activities, all of which I have enjoyed immensely," she said

The former Llanfyllin High School pupil is now studying biology at Plymouth University specialising in conservation.

She is heading off on a field trip to a Mexican jungle at the end of the year and hopes to put into practice some of the skills she obtained from her DofE.

Parade of torches to light town bonfire

MEMBERS of the Borderland Rotary Club have been busy making torches that will make a spectacular beginning to the annual firework and bonfire night in Oswestry.

No less than 250 torches have been created for the procession that will march from Festival Square to the Treble Niners display at Brogyntyn Park, next to the fire station, on November 3.

The procession will be led by Olympic torch bearer and Oswestry Special Olympics gold medal winner, badminton player Briony Jones. Briony will use her torch to light parade torches and also to light the bonfire.

Torch sticks were supplied by the Richard Burbidge company and the torches will be available from 6pm at the muster point in Festival Square for a minimum donation of £1. Proceeds will go to the Fire Fighters Charity.

Organiser Mike Lade said: "We are hoping for a spectacular display of fire along Church Street and Willow Street before the Treble Niners bonfire evening at Brogyntyn Park."

The Treble Niners are retained and retired firefighters and their families.

Club boss admits speeding charge

THE managing director of The New Saints FC has admitted driving at 91mph in a 50mph limit.

Mike Harris, 49, former owner of telecommunication's business Total Network Solutions, appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday where he admitted driving on the A483 near Welshpool at 91.88mph.

Harris, of Middletown, near Welshpool, will appear on January 28 for a special reasons hearing.

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School is seeking ideas for window

A SCHOOL is calling for ideas on what should be included in the design of a stained glass window which will be specially created to celebrate its chapel's 150th anniversary.

Oswestry School's Victorian chapel will be 150 years old next year and an appeal has been launched to restore the building to its former glory.

Part of the project will involve the commissioning of a new window and ideas on what should be included in its design are being welcomed.

Headmaster Douglas Robb said: "There has been an overwhelming wish by parents, friends of the school, governors, Old Oswestrians, teachers, staff and pupils that we celebrate this anniversary with a new window.

"We have commissioned Barry Brady from St Asaph to design and craft the window.

"He will work with our head of art Sue Fensome, the art department and pupils to prepare a number of sketch proposals.

"But we would also like input from anyone who has memories of Oswestry School as we want to include key events in the last 150 years of the school's history."

Motorist was over the limit

AN Oswestry man has been banned from driving for 30 months after being caught behind the wheel while more than three times over the legal alcohol limit.

Pawel Podlewski, 32, from Hawthorne Grove, admitted a charge of drink driving at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

Magistrates gave him a 12- month community order with 120 hours unpaid work.

'Cannabis scientist' admits growing drug in bedrooms

by Andrew Morris

Kevin Griffiths

A WELSHPOOL man dubbed a 'cannabis scientist' turned two bedrooms into a sophisticated growing operation to make drug-laced cakes.

Kevin Griffiths, 46, of Brynyddol, was growing 24 plants valued at £7,130 at his home when it was raided by police officers on January 24.

He admitted a charge of being concerned in the production of cannabis between January 24, 2011 and January 24, 2012, at Welshpool Magistrates Court at an earlier date, but returned to the court for a Newton hearing into the facts yesterday, (Wednesday).

Despite the fact that the prosecution and defence accepted he only grew the drugs for his own use, the court wanted to hear further evidence to support that view and rule out any possibility that the drugs were being sold on.

Mr Stephen Davies, prosecuting, said officers attended the defendant's home address at 11am on January 24 after a tip-off. They forced their way in and found 12 plants in one bedroom, 12 in the airing cupboard and empty pots in another bedroom.

Arrested

He said: "Officers took the plants, a phone and computer from the scene and arrested and interviewed the defendant.

"He said he had been growing the drugs for his own use, where he would turn it into butter to make cakes from. Once baked, he would eat the cakes before taking part in extreme sporting activities.

"The defendant said the cannabis would give him the confidence and relaxed nature needed to take part."

Mr Huw Williams, for Griffiths, said his client never supplied anyone else with the drugs.

He said: "He is a cannabis scientist but the police have never found a list of customers and no records of any sales on phone or computer equipment. This was wholly for his own use."

During the hearing, Constable Matthew Thomas, of Dyfed Powys Police, gave evidence saying that no proof of the drugs being sold on had ever been found.

"There is no evidence we can find of supply," he said.

The magistrates were happy that the cannabis had only been used by the defendant and not sold on and adjourned the case to Mold Crown Court for sentencing on November 30.

Griffiths was given bail.

MP confirms he's keen to stand again

GLYN Davies has revealed he wants to be the Conservative candidate for Montgomeryshire at the next General Election.

Mr Davies made the announcement following the Montgomeryshire Conservatives' decision to prepare for the 2015 election on the basis of a Montgomeryshire constituency still being in place.

Mr Davies said: "Since my local party is planning to contest the 2015 general election on the existing Montgomeryshire boundary, I'm confirming I would like to stand for a second term.

"If the 2015 General Election were to be fought on proposed new boundaries, I would not be a candidate. I have only ever wanted to represent Montgomeryshire.

"The pressure which comes with being 'in Government' at a difficult time for our country has been very great. It has meant very long hours. And it is sometimes frustrating that having to spend four days each week at Westminster means I cannot be as involved locally as I would like to be.

"But serving as Montgomeryshire's MP has been a very special honour. Also it does take some time for a new MP to get a grip on the job, but I feel that thanks to my dedicated staff we are now well on top of the job."

Earlier this year the Boundary Commission revealed proposals to split Montgomeryshire into three. Welshpool would have been lumped into a new northern zone – known as Glyndwr and North Powys – which stretches to Denbigh, while Newtown would go to South Powys along with Brecon. But the plans have since been shelved.

Chair design with lots of sole

Paul Day with his stiletto chair. *Picture: Simon Williams.*

A CHAIR with a difference has been crafted by a furniture maker in Oswestry.

Paul Day fashioned his black and white leopard skin-style chair in the shape of stiletto heel at his workshops in Salop Road.

And although he designed it just as a project he has already sold it and has interest from other potential customers.

Paul and his team of craftsmen are renowned for making traditional upholstered furniture such as the Byron chair, which finds its way into hotels, boutiques and period homes. One was even presented to Prince Charles at the 60th International Eisteddfod at Llangollen. But he also produces a range of chairs and sofas using as inspiration the art deco period of the 1920s and the rings of the Olympic Games.

"I am always looking at lines of everyday objects for inspiration and, looking at the stiletto, I suddenly wondered whether I could transform it into a chair," he said.

More details are available from *www.pauldaydesigns.com*

NEWS in brief

Council to invest £1.5m in road salt

COUNCIL bosses in Mid Wales will invest more than £1.5 million on salt stock to prepare it for the winter weather.

Powys County Council said it would be investing in higher levels of stock for the second winter running so it does not run out during any spells of prolonged freezing weather. The council said a similar plan last year was a success and it plans to ready the stock and its 30 gritters before temperatures plunge below freezing.

Last winter, the county council's winter maintenance team carried out a third fewer pre-planned road treatments than the harsh winters of 2009 and 2010.

Despite the reduced action the council's cabinet agreed that the same level of winter maintenance would be carried out for the coming season.

Councillor Barry Thomas, cabinet member for highways, said: "Our winter maintenance plan is well established and operates 24 hours a day throughout the winter months."

MP will reopen new look store

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Owen Paterson, the MP for North Shropshire, will officially reopen the refurbished 02 Shop in Oswestry's Festival Square on Saturday.

The store has undergone a £100,000 refit and will open its doors again after a two-week closure.

The shop opened in March 2007.

Service at hall

PANT Memorial Hall Committee will hold a service of remembrance for those killed in the two World Wars and recent conflicts on November 8 at 7.30pm. The evening is described as an informal but sincere service.

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Visitors to get free web access

VISITORS to the tourist information centre in Oswestry will be able to access the internet for free as part of a new pilot scheme.

Oswestry Tourist Information Centre has been chosen as one of a number of venues across Wales and close to the Welsh border to trial free internet access.

The scheme is being run by Visit Wales and mobile provider Three and will enable people visiting the centre in Mile End to access e-mails, social networking sites and websites using mobile phones, iPads and laptops.

Staff at the centre have praised the idea, claiming that it will make the venue more accessible to more people of all ages.

by Graham Breeze

Honour Whitmore, who is based at the centre, said people would now be able to use their own devices for free instead of being charged money through data roaming charges. Mrs Whitmore said the centre already provided free wi-fi but this new scheme uses mi-fi – an internet source that mobile devices can connect to. She said the scheme was still in its early stages.

She said: "It is an excellent idea. It does mean it opens up the possibility of us getting more visitors rather than just people coming in for leaflets and brochures and it makes the centre available to a wider audience."

Caerphilly County Borough Council in South Wales is among the authorities involved in the trail, and the council's visitor operations manager Martin Cook said it would help people living in some of the more rural areas of Wales to connect to the internet.

Business and Tourism Minister Edwina Hart said: "Connectivity in this day and age is fundamental to the success of our businesses and communities."

Hugh Davies from Three said: "We have built a network designed for the Internet and are passionate about using this to help as many people as possible experience the everyday benefits this can bring. All of us are now so reliant on our smartphones we want to be able to do the things we love to do wherever we are, even when we're on holiday."

Work to boost patient care

HEALTH chiefs in Mid Wales have been working with paramedics to ensure heart attack patients are taken to the closest specialist hospital.

Powys Teaching Local Health Board and the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust said they have been briefing staff and the public on the closest hospitals to attend for certain types of heart attacks.

A spokesman for the health board said it is vital that patients suffering from ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) heart attacks are taken directly to specialist centres. He said: "A heart attack is a serious medical emergency in which the supply of blood to the heart is suddenly blocked, usually by a blood clot. Lack of blood to the heart can seriously damage the heart muscle.

"Getting to specialist care quickly is essential in the case of a heart attack. Remember, if you suspect that you or someone around you has had a heart attack, don't delay, call 999 immediately."

Traffic at standstill after pipe bursts

TRAFFIC was at a standstill in Pant yesterday (Wednesday) when a burst water pipe saw water shooting 100ft into the air. Traffic ground to a halt as the burst happened at the side of the A483, one of the busiest roads in the Oswestry area, in the centre of the village at lunchtime yesterday. Traffic lights had to be brought in to get the traffic going again as Severn Trent engineers worked to repair the burst. *Picture: Simon Williams*

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Pylon protesters welcome MP's attack on windfarms

CALLS for a moratorium on new onshore windfarms by Energy Minister John Hayes have been welcomed by pylon protesters.

Mr Hayes said that we can 'no longer have wind turbines imposed on communities' – giving fresh hope to campaigners fighting against plans which could see pylons carrying power lines through Shropshire and Mid Wales.

"Windfarms have been peppered across Britain without consideration for the countryside and people's homes and enough is enough," he said.

Mr Hayes was appointed to the brief in last month's Cabinet re-shuffle and his views clash with that of Liberal Democrat energy secretary Ed Davey.

by Graham Breeze

But Mr Hayes' comments were welcomed by Montgomeryshire Against Pylons (MAP), which is campaigning against plans by National Grid to build a substation in Cefn Coch, near Llanfair Caereinion, and build a 30-mile long, high voltage power line to Lower Frankton, near Oswestry, to take energy from Mid Wales wind farms to the national electricity network.

MAP chairman Jonathan Wilkinson said: "This is very encouraging. In light of this statement the National Grip operation in Mid Wales is now completely inappropriate and should be immediately scaled down."

But Mr Wilkinson also urged caution. "What we have to remember is that Mr Hayes' comments refer to future planning proposals. There are many already in the pipeline, particularly in Powys, though thankfully they are being opposed by the county council."

Mr Hayes said: "We can no longer have wind turbines imposed on communities. I can't single-handedly build a new Jerusalem but I can protect our green and pleasant land.

"We have issued a call for evidence on wind. That is about cost but also about community buy-in. I have asked the planning minister to look again at the relationship between these turbines and the landscape," he said.

Shoppers are tickled pink

Back, left to right, Michelle Carnell, from Shelley's Bags, and Eve Humber, from VTM-Graphix, with front, left to right, Ron Lane, from John The Brew, and Joan Kirkham, from J's Sewing Box.

SHOPPERS visiting Oswestry's Powis Hall indoor market were met with a sea of pink as traders took part in a national drive to help beat breast cancer.

The traders at the Oswestry Town Council-run market agreed to wear at least one item of pink clothing in support of Breast Cancer Campaign's Wear it Pink day while others also decorated their stalls to back the initiative.

A fundraising raffle was also organised with many of the traders kind enough to donate items.

Among the stallholders taking part in the day of activities on Friday was Michelle Carnell who runs a handbag business at the market.

She said: "Some of the traders were having a chat about the day and I think all of us had been affected by cancer in some way.

"We decided we should do something and so agreed to wear something pink, even if it was just socks.

"These campaigns take us one step closer to finding a cure for cancer."

Reminder to voters in area

WITH less than three weeks to go before the Police and Crime Commissioner elections, voters in the Dyfed Powys Police area are reminded that they will have a straight choice between two candidates.

Dyfed Powys is one of the few areas in the country where only two candidates are standing for election on November 15.

Elsewhere where there are two or more candidates, a Supplementary Vote system will operate whereby each voter will have the opportunity to vote for the first and second choice candidates.

"This will not be the case in Dyfed Powys" stressed the Police Area Returning Officer, Mr Bryn Parry-Jones. "As there are only two candidates standing, voters have a straightforward choice and will be asked to make their selection using only one cross as in a General Election."

The two candidates in the area are Christine Gwyther (Welsh Labour) and Christopher Salmon (Welsh Conservative).

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A5 closed after car crashes into bridge

A MOTORIST had a lucky escape without serious injury on Monday after their car crashed into bridge railings high above a valley on the Shropshire/Wales border.

Three cars were involved in an accident while crossing the River Ceiriog on the A5 Chirk bypass near Oswestry shortly before 1am. One of the cars hit the railings and came to a rest close to the edge of the bridge. One person suffered minor injuries following the crash.

The A5 was closed to motorists in both directions while the condition of the bridge was assessed by engineers and was still shut to traffic during the morning rush hour. Diversions were put in place on the B5070 between the Gledrid roundabout through Chirk.

An investigation has been launched into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

A spokesman from the Welsh Ambulance Service said there was one casualty involved in the collision who had suffered minor injuries.

A spokesman for the Highways Agency said diversions had been set up ahead of the morning rush hour.

Crews from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service responded to the 999 call and carried out work to make the vehicle safe.

Gipsy family in fresh bid

A GIPSY family, who lost their bid to develop a travellers' camp near Oswestry after a long running planning battle, has lodged a fresh application.

Jerry and Michelle Berry say their new application is 'significantly different' to their bid lodged two years ago to develop the site opposite the entrance to Henlle Park Golf Club at Gobowen.

The couple's previous bid, which attracted more than 80 objections, would have seen four chalets and four caravan pitches built. Shropshire Council rejected the plans and the family's subsequent appeal was dismissed in June.

by Iain St John

An access and design statement lodged with Shropshire Council for the new application says the family now only want to build one mobile home and house one touring caravan at the site.

The statement says: "The application is significantly different to that decided on appeal that was dismissed on June 21.

"While the previous application was for four pitches and four families, the current application is just for one family."

The statement said a proposed amenity building would now be temporary in nature and there would be new access arrangements, landscaping, car parking and drainage.

It added: "These amendments have been made specifically to address the reasons why the inspector dismissed the appeal and render this application significantly different to that previously determined by your authority.

"Layout of the proposed change of use is open to negotiation with the local authority but has been designed to minimise the visual impact of the site.

"There is already an adequate level of screening afforded to the site and further landscaping measures can be illustrated to the local planning authority's satisfaction."

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the new bid by December 10.

Delight over Ofsted report

STAFF, governors and children at a Shropshire primary school are celebrating after Ofsted inspectors judged it to be a 'good' school.

Three inspectors spent two days at Meadows Primary School in Oswestry earlier this month, examining all aspects of the school's work and judged the school to be good in all areas.

Inspectors said: "The school sets high standards for behaviour . . . in all classrooms there is a positive climate for learning."

They also reported that "positive, caring relationships are a strength of the school".

Attainment in reading was found to be a 'notable strength'.

A number of lessons were judged to be outstanding.

The school's headteacher, Karen Morris, said: "We are delighted that the hard work of the school's staff, governors and children has been recognised by Ofsted."

Fashion show fundraiser

AN autumn fashion show in aid of Cancer Research UK which is being organised by Oswestry Friends of Cancer Research UK, is to be held at Oswestry Golf Club on Monday, November 12 at 7.30pm. Presenting her collection on the night will be Karen Morris from Just The Right Thing in Oswestry. Tickets for the event are £10 each which includes a glass of wine and nibbles and are available from Just The Right Thing in Beatrice Street. *Picture: Simon Williams.*

Weather warning issued to drivers

MOTORISTS in Mid Wales are being warned to be extra vigilant when behind the wheel during the bad weather this winter.

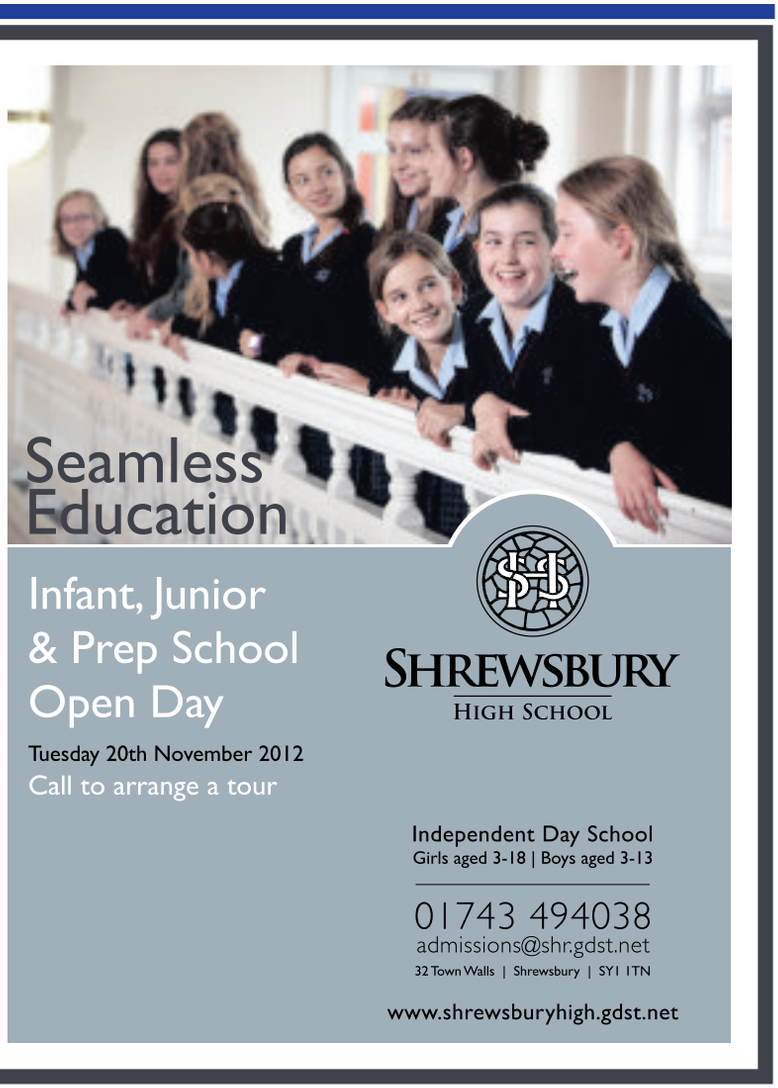
Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said strong winds, heavy rain and localised flooding are causing serious problems for motorists on local roads in the area as winter arrives.

Jim Cameron, corporate head of community risk reduction for the service, said a number of incidents involving motorists had happened this week.

He said: "We have had several serious collisions in our area this week, and a car trapped in floodwater where a driver had to be rescued by specialist crews. We are asking drivers to ensure that their vehicles are in good condition, with tyres that have adequate tread, windscreen wipers in a serviceable condition and to drive at speeds that allow them to stop safely.

"Be ready to slow down and take more care if you need to, particularly on bends and exposed roads."

Mr Cameron said drivers should always consider planning their journey and checking route conditions before setting off and advised a visit to Traffic Wales at *www.trafficwales.com* for the latest information on local traffic conditions.



Loyalty scheme launched at centre

A GARDEN centre near Oswestry with plans to create a £1 million craft village is launching a new loyalty card scheme.

Bosses of Moreton Park Garden Centre started the new initiative this week calling it Moreton Park Gardening Club.

It is designed to help customers get value for money.

The launch comes after a recent announcement that Shropshire Leisure Group, owners of the garden centre, the adjoining Lord Moreton Hotel and also the nearby Lion Quays Waterside Resort is planning an ambitious scheme for 20 wooden chalets.

There are also plans to create a permanent 'farmers' market village' atmosphere and a planning application is expected to be submitted to Shropshire Council's planning department soon. The development is expected to bring at least 40 jobs to the area.

Alyson Haywood, Moreton Park Garden Centre general manager, said the card has been created after customers asked about the possible creation of a loyalty scheme in the past.

"The Gardening Club is our way of saying thank you to our loyal customers," she said. "We have listened to our customers who have been asking for a loyalty scheme."

Family's plea to help give son a bit of independence

THE parents of a youngster from the Shropshire border are appealing for the public's help to grant their brave son 'a little bit of independence'.

Little Aled Owen, who suffers from cerebral palsy, is normally confined to a wheelchair and one of the few times he can enjoy some freedom from the effects of the illness is when he is out and about on a specially designed trike.

But the five-year-old from Llansantffraid has become too big for his trike and his parents Richard and Julie have launched an appeal to raise the necessary £1,200 to fund a new one.

by Iain St John

Mr Owen, 57, said: "Aled loves his trike but unfortunately they are expensive because they are specially made.

"We managed to raise the money a couple of years ago for this one he uses now but he is just getting too big and he really does need the next size up.

"He uses a wheelchair a lot of the time but loves getting out and about on his trike. It just gives him that little bit of independence, a bit more freedom.

"The exercise he gets from being on the trike is important for his health and stops problems with his hips.

"And using the trike means he uses the muscles in his legs and builds them up."

Mr Owen said the family were determined to give Aled as much freedom as they could and the trike helped.

He said: "He goes to a mainstream school, Carreghofa at Llanymynech, and they are great there.

"The children there are wonderful and very supportive and kind."

Mr Owen said he hoped the general public would be just as supportive and come out to back their campaign to raise the £1,200 needed for the new trike.

He said: "We have a few ideas on how to raise the money.

"The first one is going to be a prize bingo and raffle night at Welshpool Working Men's Club on November 29. It starts at 7pm and we are hoping to raise about £500."

Richard and Julie Owen with their five-year-old son Aled. *Picture: Simon Williams.*

Chaplain tells of prison duty

THE Roman Catholic chaplain of Shrewsbury Prison was the guest speaker at the latest meeting of Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club.

Stephen McKenna also serves as a chaplain at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Rotary spokesman Mike Lade said: "Stephen described his work and how he supports patients, prisoners and indeed staff in their times of spiritual need for Catholics and many other religions or just as a listening ear for those that needed someone to talk to.

"His talk was very informative and interjected with a number of funny asides."

Members also heard that 24 riders took part in a bike ride around Lake Vyrnwy in memory of Rotarian Brian Gray.

Half of the torches for the town's Bonfire Night procession on November 3 are made and everything is on track for the evening.

The procession will leave from Festival Square at 6.30pm.

NEWS in brief

Fault causes fire at wood panel firm

A FACTORY near Oswestry escaped major damage following a fire on the site which was caused by a mechanical fault.

The incident happened at wood panel manufacturer Kronospan in Chirk shortly after 5pm last Monday.

Firefighters from North Wales Fire and Rescue Service attended the fire, which involved two dust silos and a conveyor belt.

They say the cause of the fire has been established as a mechanical fault in the production area and no-one was injured in the incident.

Candida Pryce-Jones, company spokeswoman, said: "From our side of things it was very minor."

Night of film and music at venue

A NIGHT of music and film will be held in Oswestry tonight (Thursday).

Kinokulture and the People's Vinyl Collective will hold the event at the Ironworks in Church Street, 8pm-11.30pm.

Kinokulture, a film screening company, will present multimedia artist Ian Helliwell's new film Practical Electonica, which shows a combination of archive footage, stills, animation and experimental video techniques.

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New speed limit is not enough to stop accidents

THE Highways Agency's decision to install a 50mph speed limit at the notorious Maesbury Road junction on Oswestry bypass is not a big enough step.

This accident blackspot has been crying out for improvements for years. Rarely does a week pass without a collision of some type and although the speed limit will slow things down it will not improve the situation enough.

There have long been calls for a roundabout to be created at the junction which would allow the free flow of traffic in and out of town and on to Maesbury Road but the Highways Agency now say they have no money in the pot for such a big change.

With an extension planned for the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate and a new junction already made just yards from the blackspot the situation is going to get worse, not better.

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN
with Graham Breeze

Every time you attempt to turn right to join the A483 to Welshpool from the Industrial Estate junction you feel you are taking your life into your own hands and that will continue.

The question is how many deaths does it take to justify the expenditure on a roundabout which should have been included in the original designs anyway.

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WHAT really wound me up this week was not the fact that Welshpool Police Station's reception desk is closing – we already knew that would happen – but the news that it will be replaced by a twice-weekly information van on Tesco car park.

What's wrong with the three town centre car parks?

Why can't Dyfed Powys Police station this information vehicle on Church Street, Berriew Road or Union Street car parks?

Does the world in Welshpool suddenly revolve around the new Tesco store, which has already dragged people out of the town centre with offers of free parking?

People are leaving their vehicles at the store all day and walking through a deserted Powys County Council-run Church Street car park.

Wouldn't it have been a better idea for the police to be based there, just across the way from the town's Tourist Information Centre?

And don't let propaganda that the service will not be affected fool you. How many readers have been to the current Welshpool police station to find the desk unmanned and be forced to shout down an intercom system to some faceless voice in South Wales?

I have and I spent 20 minutes being transferred from pillar to post before telling them not to bother. Call this progress?

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WRITING about Welshpool town centre reminded me that there is still no news whatsoever about the promised review of the controversial one-way system.

New Powys County Council leader David Jones was tasked with fronting the enquiry before being elevated to his current lofty position and nothing has been heard since.

Meanwhile more and more shops are closing with the economic downturn getting the blame and motorists are still driving in completely the wrong direction.

Huge balloon spectacle in Find April Campaign

Glenys Lawrence, the great aunt of April Jones, Nikki Carr, Emma Peace and Sophie Lawrence, who is April's cousin.

People of Oswestry show their support in the search for April Jones by letting off pink balloons and lanterns.
Pictures: Laura Dutfield.

Sophie releases a lantern.

BALLOONS were released into the skies over Oswestry by hundreds of people desperate to keep the search for missing Machynlleth five-year-old April Jones in the public eye.

by Sue Austin

April went missing from outside her home in Machynlleth in Mid Wales on October 1.

Four weeks after her disappearance family members in Oswestry held a fundraiser and balloon release at the Gatacre pavilion on Monday night.

Across Mid Wales other balloons were launched and candles were lit as part of the Find April Campaign.

The Oswestry event was organised by April's cousin, Sophie Lawrence, 22.

Sophie and mum Glenys spent three days searching in Machynlleth after April went missing.

Sophie said: "I never thought anything would happen this close to home. April's story has affected everyone, even people that didn't know her or her family.

"I don't see my family in Machynlleth much but that does not stop me wanting to do my best to bring my baby cousin home. I still can't believe it is real."

Up to 200 people joined Sophie and other family members to release the pink balloons and some pink Chinese lanterns.

The full moon lit up the playing fields as balloons held by children and adults of all ages were released after a countdown and the playing of a song written for April called Angel Smile.

The balloons were donated by Andrea Marston of Balloonatics.

She said: "I read about the event on Facebook and thought it was such a good cause I was only too glad to help." Other businesses also helped out with cakes, coffee and even a large drinks urn, loaned by Jeanie's Cafe.

Wot's Cooking, where Sophie has worked, collected £100 from customers and staff.

Carol Morris, who went along to the balloon release with other staff said: "This was such a wonderful thing that Sophie organised we all wanted to do what we could."

By selling balloons, badges and cakes fundraisers made £589 which Sophie said she would be taking to Machynlleth along with unsold cakes, both for the ongoing search and rescue operation.

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Let's not change top health service

HAD a bit of bad luck on October 4 – I had a heart attack, didn't know it then, just felt the pain.

Rang the Caxton surgery to find my luck had changed, that they have a logical, no-nonsense policy in these circumstances – dial 999!

My good luck continued. The paramedic who answered my call said that he was just around the corner and a minute later he was in the house. Totally professional, he had me wired up to his machine faster than an MP claiming a new allowance.

Two ambulance men arrived and confirmed the paramedic's diagnosis that I had suffered one heart attack and was likely to have another. They recommended I should be taken to Stoke by air ambulance.

It was about 10.30am when I rang the surgery in Oswestry. At 3pm the same day I was wheeled out of the cardiac unit in Stoke, blood-clot found and removed.

I estimate that at least 50 people were involved in my care. I don't want a privatised NHS or an European Union driven NHS – the one we have suits me!

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Purse given to assistant

I WOULD like to thank the person who handed my purse into the cafe at the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford on October 16.

I was at the hospital because my father was undergoing a major operation. When I discovered I had lost my purse, I thought I really could do without this.

But when I went back to the cafe where I remembered last using my purse, even the assistant behind the counter was shocked that someone had handed it in. So thank you very much.

SARAH JONES
Llanymynech

Rail line move

NEWS that Virgin Rail is to continue running the West Coast main line service for now is welcome news.

However, urgent decisions are needed regarding proposals for a new direct Wrexham, Shrewsbury and Telford service.

RICHARD JONES
Oswestry

Metrification yet to become law

THE metre is not the lawful standard measurement unit in Britain.

In Britain, only imperial units (miles, yards, feet and inches) are lawful standard measurements. Nothing else has ever been expressly approved by the people.

The international convention at sea and in the air is to use (nautical) miles, yards and feet and worldwide air traffic control is universally in English. Metric measurements have no legitimacy in a British court of law. The public thus fully expect that the English imperial units in their own country. Constitutional and Common Law (The 1351 Treason Act, the Act of Supremacy 1559, the Bill of Rights 1689 and the Treason Felony Act 1848), forbid the King from signing or giving away his country's sovereignty or other rights and of aiding, supporting or admitting any influence or intervention from a foreign power. Britain and its sovereignty do not belong to the King. He holds them in trust from his subjects.

Parliament is subordinate to and operates in the King's name. What Her Majesty is forbidden by law from doing, no Prime Minister, Parliament or governmental department can do either.

This means that the insidious creep of metrification into British life clearly originating from Parliamentary and Government Departmental decree is criminal and is treason. Until the British public approve a change, only the imperial scales may by Constitutional and Common Law, be used in the United Kingdom.

REX POULTON, via e-mail

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital has changed a great deal over the years since its opening in 1921, and one way it has changed is that patients today might have something to say about it if they were wheeled out and left in the open air, as the early patients were. You can see the beds outside in this view of Wrekin Ward, which is undated but must date from the early years.

Fundraiser in call for donations

I RAISE funds for the charity World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).

The charity has been going for 25 or 30 years and I've been fundraising for nearly three years.

I want to spread the word for more support and give the charity a chance to be known to more people.

I will be at the Memorial Hall on November 3. On December 7, there will be a cat rescue table top sale from 9.30am to 1.30pm. I will be on the Bailey Head on the December 7, for Christmas Live from 6pm to 10pm.

I would be very grateful to anyone who would like to donate anything they no longer need, like books or toys, etc. Please telephone (01691) 670110.

APRIL HARRIS
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Are there clubs or groups I can join?

BEING new to the area, I am hoping readers could put me in touch with any clubs or groups I can get involved with.

I moved into Oswestry in July this year as my partner accepted a job in Wrexham. We moved from Yorkshire where I have lived all my life and have lots of friends and family. My children are adults and still live/work in Yorkshire.

I would love to find out what is available in the town and where I can meet new people and find out more about the area. Oswestry is a lovely place to live, the people seem to have a great pride in their town and it seems to be a very friendly place. We feel very lucky to be here. Everyone who has been to visit from Yorkshire is very envious!

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JAN HERTZBERG
Oswestry

Savile link is removed by hospital

UNLIKE that of Elvis Presley and certain other fading stars, the death of Sir Jimmy Savile does not, with hindsight, appear to have been a good career move.

But I sense something quite Orwellian about gestures like the removal by the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital of a plaque recording the fact Savile performed an opening ceremony there.

I am reminded of Winston Smith, the central character in 1984, who is employed to erase from past records any people or events of which the regime preferred not to be reminded.

So far, as I am aware, the hospital has not been linked to any suggestions of a cover-up of Savile's activities. In any case, why pretend he never went there?

SAM EVANS
Oswestry

Pair have debased musical tastes

JIMMY Savile, who I thought was a bit of a weirdo when I listened to him on Radio Luxembourg in the 1950s, turned out to be a serial paedophile, while another DJ, John Peel, allegedly made a 15-year-old pregnant.

Child abuse aside, I've said for years that these two men did more than anyone to debase the musical taste of British people.

Perhaps we should not condemn too much the record, radio and TV companies for the lowering of standards who, after all, are in business to make a profit.

Condemn rather the little stooges like Savile and Peel, whose writings and radio and TV comments carry, unfortunately, the weight of serious criticism but are backed neither by deep knowledge nor by moral integrity.

They are the 'yes-men' of the music industry. Don't expect DJs and pop journalists to tell youngsters the difference between trash and greatness. Even if they knew they wouldn't say.

Thanks to Savile, Peel and their ilk we now have two generations who know little or nothing about the only two forms of music with any real depth and which can stand repeated listening: classical music and jazz.

SIDNEY EVANS
Chirk

Big turnout for meeting

ON October 16, the National Osteoporosis Society Telford and Shropshire Support Group held their annual update at the Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury.

A staggering 150 ladies and gentlemen who have or are affected by osteoporosis attended this event.

I would like to say a big thank you to Dr Michael Davie for a very informative talk and also to the Lord Hill Hotel for their help when one of our members became unwell.

Our next meeting will be on November 28, at the Wellington Methodist Church Hall where we will be holding a very short AGM followed by a tea party.

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NEWS in brief

Council will hold parade in town

WELSHPOOL Town Council will hold a Remembrance Parade through the town on November 11.

The event will see representatives from the armed forces, including veterans, cadets, Royal British Legion Standard Bearers, voluntary and youth organisations together with local councillors marching led by Newtown Youth Band.

The parade will meet in Park Lane, off High Street, at 10.20am in order to move off at 10.30am to be at the parish church of St Mary, Welshpool, for 11am.

Changes to food waste collection

MONTGOMERYSHIRE householders that have been receiving a food waste collection from Cwm Harry over the past few years will see changes to the collection times for November and December.

Householders are being asked to ensure that their food waste is put out for collection from 7.30am on their collection day.

Collection times for the food waste service introduced by the council this year will not be altered.

All Saints service

CEFN Chapel, Trewern, near Welshpool, will be holding its annual All Saints Day service at 7pm tomorrow, Friday. Everyone welcome.

Deerstalkers group wants first Holmes story in Welsh

A LOCAL band of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts are keen to make Welsh the 77th language that the famous works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has been translated into.

Welshpool is home to Wales's first Deerstalkers Society, a global network set up in honour of Holmes who has enjoyed a massive comeback through the successful BBC television series and Guy Richie films starring Robert Downey Jnr.

The group meets this weekend and high on the agenda is the proposal to turn at least one of the works into Welsh.

"We are trying to get a translation of one of the Holmes cases into Welsh," said the group's founder Roy Upton-Holder. "This will be a first. Although they have been translated into 76 languages, Welsh is not one of them!"

The bustling cobbled streets of London are a far cry from Welshpool's Little Henfaes Drive where Roy regularly dons his deerstalker, Inverness cape and lights up his pipe to relive and capture the super sleuth's battles with crime.

by Graham Breeze

Hooked

"Sir Arthur wrote four novels and 56 short stories about Sherlock Holmes and I have read them all many times," said Roy, who began his fascination almost 60 years ago.

"I was in hospital when I was 20 and my father brought me a Sherlock Holmes book to read and I just couldn't put it down. I remember reading all night! I was hooked and have been a great enthusiast ever since."

Roy's home is a shrine to the fictional character that first appeared in print way back in 1887.

Even before entering the house, the sign on the wall welcomes you to Baskerville (from the classic The Hound of the Baskervilles) and you are immediately met in the hallway by a mirror cut in the famous silhouette of Holmes along with an array of framed memorabilia.

"This is an actual tile from Baker Street Station," Roy points out one of the myriad framed items covering the wall to the staircase.

In fact, the legendary detective is present in every room of the house from the 'Sherlock Holmes for Dummies' book to dolls and toys clothed in his famous attire.

With the support of his wife, Joan, Roy launched the Welshpool Deerstalkers Society when they moved to Montgomeryshire in 2001. They discovered others shared their passion and haven't looked back since.

"We welcome people of any background to the society that share an interest in Sherlock Holmes," he said.

Saturday's meeting launches a busy period for the Deerstalkers. It takes place at 7.30pm at the Old School, Guilsfield, when an illustrated talk on Forensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to the present day will be given by Ian Corke BR (Hons). There's also a quiz and a raffle.

Admission is £5 (which includes light refreshments) with tickets available in advance from Roy on 01938 554 840. All proceeds go to Guilsfield Church and The Deerstalkers.

Visit www.sherlockholmeswelshpool.com for more information.

Group founder Roy Upton-Holder.

Rally fans dig deep to raise cash for charity

RALLY fans dug deep and raised £750 for charity during the Welshpool-based Breidden Rally last month.

Organised by the Welsh Border Car Club, the overnight event proved as popular as ever with over 1,000 spectators reported at the notorious wood yard spectator point alone.

Sponsored by Oswestry based TA Gittins Chartered Accountants, the rally is a qualifying round of four UK National Rally Championships and this year's event again was based at the Welshpool Livestock Sales, where 170 competitors faced a demanding 130-mile route through the local lanes and tracks surrounding the host town.

Money raised from the sale of rally programmes and collections will be donated to Birmingham's Children's Hospital.

Clerk Of Course, Neil Spiers said: "This year's rally was a resounding success, with the centralised start and finish venue of the new Livestock Market enhancing the event once again and also the money we were able to raise for the children's hospital was the icing on the cake. My own son benefited from the care of the staff at the hospital shortly after he was born."

The rally was won by the Ford Escort of Meirion Evans & Iwan Jones.

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Second World War medal stolen in house burglary

by Graham Breeze

A MEDAL from the Second World War has been stolen from a house near Welshpool while the occupant was away.

The King George VI medal and some jewellery was taken from a house in Berriew, near Welshpool, while the property was empty between October 15 and 21.

Dyfed Powys Police said it was desperately seeking information about the medal's whereabouts while also reminding residents about home safety, with this burglary happening just weeks after a collection of jewellery was stolen from a house in nearby Bettws Cedewain.

Catharine Evan-Williams, force spokeswoman, said: "We are investigating a burglary at a property in Berriew sometime between October 15 and 21 during which time the occupants were away.

"As well as stealing jewellery the offenders stole a King George VI medal with an inscription on the rear.

"Police would like to take this opportunity to remind home owners to review their security arrangements. Properties that are vacant even for a short period of time are potentially vulnerable.

"You should lock all windows, put valuables out of sight, get a safe or burglar alarm and always secure sheds and outbuildings," she added.

Meanwhile, the force has been named the safest in Wales for house burglaries.

Of burglaries that do occur, Dyfed Powys solves 39 per cent, up 6.9 per cent on last year and above the Wales average of 19.8 per cent.

DCI Greg Williams, force lead on burglary, said: "Dyfed Powys Police has welcomed these excellent figures which again show that the counties of Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and Powys are the safest in the country."

Rocking the night away

RAINBOW Records' 60s and 70s party night will be at Welshpool town hall on Saturday, November 10 from 8pm to midnight. Tickets from Rainbow Records and Ego Games in Broad Street, Newtown. Market hall stallholders Claire Davies and Ray Sinagola are ready to rock.

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NEWS in brief

Town council to hold table top sale

WELSHPOOL Town Council is holding a Community Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning in the Corn Exchange, at Welshpool Town Hall on November 17.

It provides an ideal opportunity for charities and organisations to raise awareness and much needed funds.

The sale will run from 9am-1pm and tables will cost £5 each – payable on the day. Visit *wtcouncil@btinternet.com*

Six-mile walk for ramblers

WELSHPOOL Ramblers will meet next on Sunday when Mel Lyons will lead a six-mile easy walk in the Stokesay area.

People should meet at Welshpool, Church Street car park, at 9.30am, from where shared transport may be available.

Call (01938) 553834.

Tickets on sale for event at hall

TICKETS are on sale for an event at Gregynog Hall, Tregynon, on November 26.

There will be a half-day flower arranging session and a cookery demonstration. Call (01686) 650224.

Meeting date

THE next meeting of Welshpool and District University of the Third Age will take place on November 6 in Church House at 10.30am.

£1 order after £5,700 scam

THE main man behind an internet mobile phone selling ring based in Welshpool made £5,700 out of his crimes, a court heard.

But Leigh Hinchcliffe did not have any assets and a nominal £1 confiscation order was made at a financial hearing under The Proceeds of Crime Act at Mold Crown Court on Monday.

Another member of the ring, which was based in Welshpool, Alexander Woodfine, made £1,400.

But prosecutor Peter Moss said he accepted that none of the defendants had assets and would be seeking zero confiscation orders in all cases.

POCA proceedings against four others were adjourned.

An earlier hearing was told that the internet fraud based in Welshpool was 'a pool team turned bad', because that appeared to be the connecting factor between them.

Adverts for mainly iPhones appeared on websites Loot, Gum Tree and Bargain Pages giving contact mobile numbers. But buyers never received their phones. Leigh Hinchcliffe, 21, who used Welshpool Library's computer to place internet adverts, was described as the main man.

Admitted

In August all six defendants admitted fraud and Hinchcliffe and Jake Evans, 21, were jailed.

Hinchcliffe of Oldford, Welshpool, received 18 months and Evans of New Street, Welshpool, nine months.

John McDonald, 33, of Foundry Lane, Welshpool, who was in breach of an earlier suspended sentence, received five months imprisonment.

Stephen McDonald, 27, of Gallowstree Rise in Welshpool; Alexander Woodfine, 28, of Bron y Buckley, Welshpool and William Owen, 18, of Gallowstree Rise, Welshpool, each received 24-week prison sentences, suspended for 12 months.

by Graham Breeze

New group to open for town youngsters

A NEW youth group will open in Welshpool next week.

Play Montgomeryshire will launch the Monty Clubbers Youth Group on November 6. The group will meet every Tuesday during term time from 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Howell Drive Youth Club.

The grand opening will see Professor Panics Circus Skills Workshop, funky badge making, face and body art, pool, Wii, air hockey and refreshments of nibbles and cocktails.

The opening session will be free of charge, and anyone aged 10 to 19 years attending will get free entry vouchers for the rest of November. The usual price will be 50p a session.

For more information call (01686) 626713.

Story time and craft session

A BILINGUAL story time and craft session is being held today, Thursday at Welshpool Library. Anyone aged three to seven can go along and take part in the mornings activities. Putting up a Halloween themed stand publicising the morning was library assistant Sian Kinsey. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Business wins top award at ceremony

WELSHPOOL-based Invertek Drives has been named winner in the Technology Award category at the Made In Wales Awards 2012 .

The Insider Business Magazine Awards, hosted by the BBC's Huw Edwards in Cardiff, recognised winners in nine categories.

This award comes hot on the heels of recent success in the Fast Growth 50 Awards for the company which manufactures and markets variable speed drives for controlling electric motors.

Invertek Drives won the Technology Award, sponsored by BAE Systems, after impressing judges with its novel technology, impact and commercial advantage.

Sales and marketing director, Rhydian Welson, said: "We are constantly improving our product range to meet customer demand and give us a competitive advantage."

Invertek was also shortlisted in the Exporter of the Year Award category - it currently exports more than 95 per cent of its output to over 65 countries through a network of international sales partners.

"Invertek's approach to export is working extremely well. Orders for our products are higher than ever and we have seen significant growth driven by emerging markets ," said Mr Welson.

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THE secret of beauty has been a quest for as long as we have been civilized with reports proving that many women spend up to one-third of their income on looking good.

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Researchers found that beautiful people tend to earn five percent more an hour than their less comely colleagues.

While we instinctively know what appeals to our own sense of beauty – we know it when we see it – defining what determines attractiveness is not always easy. In frustration, we often give up and claim that 'beauty is in they eye of the beholder'.

But is beauty really a personal phenomenon?

Recent studies have shown that the secret of beauty may at last be understood. It seems that attractiveness may be hard wired in our brains.

Experiments designed to measure attractiveness usually involve showing a series of images of human faces and asking subjects to rate their visual appeal. Surprisingly, people from a variety of different ages, races and cultures agree on what is and isn't beautiful.

Babies as young as three months can identify and prefer faces that most adults would deem beautiful. Europeans can pick out the same beautiful Japanese faces as Japanese subjects; Japanese can agree on which European faces another Europeans will view as beautiful.

Our brains seem to do much more than simply recognise a beautiful face. Most people can assess emotions, personality traits and fertility – as well as beauty – almost instantaneously.

Her stunning looks have earned Llanymynech beauty Jamie Lee Williams a string of beauty titles.

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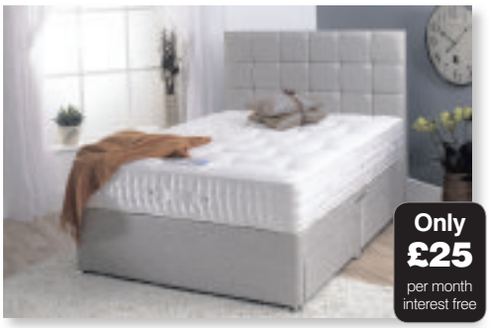

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World class food attracts visitors

AN array of 'world class, world beating' produce attracted thousands of people to a food festival near the Shropshire/Welsh border, organisers have said.

Food lovers from across the UK made a bee-line for the Hamper Llangollen 2012.

They were entertained by a trio of Welsh celebrity chefs including Graham Tinsley, Dudley Newbery and Dai Chef.

Guest of honour at was Alun Davies, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, who described the produce on show as 'world class and world-beating'.

Bonfire night to go with a bang

RHIWHIRIAETH Community Centre, near Llanfair Caereinion, will be holding its fireworks display and bonfire on Saturday.

The bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm and the fireworks will start at 7pm.

Admission is free and hot refreshments will be on sale throughout the evening.

Music trip plan

A PIANO teacher from Oswestry is organising a trip to Birmingham. Hayden Jones is offering transport for people to see Evgeny Kissin give a piano recital on November 15. Call (01691) 658414.

Do you need a helping hand?

A SMALL army of volunteers has devoted nearly 600 hours of free labour helping those in need in the Oswestry area over the past year – but organisers fear it is not enough.

Mike Lade, who runs the Osyteers group in Oswestry, said he believed there were a number of elderly and vulnerable people living in the town who were not being helped by volunteers because the group was not aware of their plight.

And he has urged people who know of individuals in need of assistance with jobs around their home or to get to appointments to get in touch.

by Chrissy Symmons

The Osyteers group has reached its first birthday and Mr Lade said it had expanded from having 10 volunteers to 25. He said since the group had been formed nearly 600 hours of voluntary work had been done.

During the past year Osyteers has created campaigns to help fight against cold callers, unwanted phone calls on PPI, phone, online scams and loan sharks. Volunteers have also given advice on issues including how to stay warm in the winter and how to get more specialist help from other organisations.

Mr Lade said: "Sadly, we feel sure that we are still not reaching the people that need help because they don't always ask for it."

"In the past 12 months our volunteers have changed light bulbs, retuned televisions for the elderly after the switch-over, weeded drives, cleared a blocked drain, cleared many overgrown gardens and just sat and chatted to people."

"Our projects have also included installing a vegetable garden at Meadows School and weeding and clearing the garden outside St Martins Community Centre.

"We carried out a 60-minute makeover to emulsion three rooms and a hallway ready for a young lady with cerebral palsy to move into a property and decorated a meeting room and toilets in Whittington Senior Citizens' Hall."

People in need of assistance can call Osyteers on 0845 463 8486, e-mail *osyteers@yahoo.co.uk* or visit *www.osyteers.co.uk*

Friends brew up £300 for Hope House

A COFFEE morning in Ellesmere has helped raise almost £300 for a children's charity based in Oswestry.

Ellesmere Friends of Hope House collected the funds at an event at the town's Comrades Club. It included a cake stall and Christmas shopping stalls.

Averil MacDonald, chairman of the group, said she was delighted with the support and generosity from the people of Ellesmere.

She said: "We are so grateful to everyone who continues to support us, particularly at a time when so many people are feeling the pinch. On behalf of the children and families who use Hope House, I would like to say a big thank you."

Anyone who would like to help at future fundraising events or join the Ellesmere committee should call (01691) 622510.

Spooky goings-on at castle

THE White Witch of Whittington Castle, Garnet Whittal, joined in the Halloween fun. Visitors were encouraged to join in with spooky games, tours and help light up the castle with carved pumpkins.

Annual pub plea for toys to begin

A WESTON Rhyn pub's annual festive drive to gather toys for the county's children's hospice is about to be launched.

The Plough Inn at Weston Rhyn has been running the Toys for Tots collection for 12 years and Dave McCarthy from the pub said this year's drive was due to start in the next few days.

Hundreds of toys have been donated by pub regulars and villagers over the years.

The toys are passed on to Hope House Children's Hospice, which is based at Morda near Oswestry.

Brand new toys are given to the children while second hand toys are passed on to the hospice shop to be sold to create much-needed revenue.

Mr McCarthy said: "We launch it in the first week of November and it is incredible how many toys and items are donated.

"Normally a representative from the hospice will come down to the pub a little while before Christmas to collect them.

"It is also amazing that despite the current economic climate how many toys are given and how generous people in the area are."

He added: "Hopefully this year will be another success."

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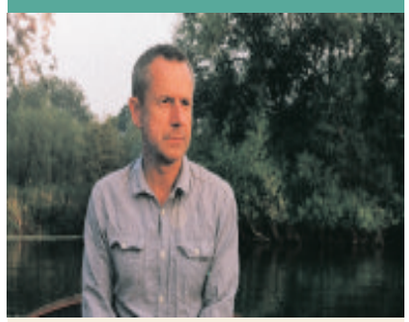

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CHRISTMAS

Card and gift shop marks its first year of trading

Christine Holmes from Flaunt It in Welshpool.

Advertisement feature

FLAUNT IT has marked its first year of trading in Welshpool.

Starting off inside the market hall in town and encouraged by many customers, Chris Holmes, the proprietor of card and gift shop Flaunt It, took the decision to take over the old Trading Post in Cumberland Place to expand her greeting card and gift business.

Today the shop is filled with more than 25 greeting card stands, giving Welshpool possibly the best choice of cards for all occasions at prices starting from 50p.

"We have Welsh language cards and 'greetings from Welshpool' Christmas cards which have been specially printed for us," said Chris.

There is also a huge selection of helium balloons, calendars and diaries for 2013, stationery, puzzle books, keepsake gifts for weddings, births, milestone birthdays, Russ and Fizzymoon cuddly toys, purses, wallets and jewellery.

Flaunt It also home to the famous 'sock monkey' adoption scheme as well as being an outlet for locally made craft goods.

"Christmas is a really exciting time for us putting together all the Christmas displays and getting in loads of wonderful gift ideas to hopefully help customers with their present buying," said Chris.

This year Flaunt It will be raising money for the Brooke McMahon appeal by hosting a Santa's Post box for the children to write a letter to Father Christmas.

Santa is asking for just £1 to reply to each child's letter, but if you live in Welshpool Flaunt It will donate 75p to Brooke's appeal and 25p will go to the local scouts who will deliver for him in town. Flaunt it is also part of local Scouts Christmas card delivery service scheme in Welshpool this December.

"I am looking forward to the next year ahead as I wish to expand on my balloon artistry and party lines as well as continuing to source locally made crafts," she added.

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Festive craft fair date for town

SHOPPERS looking for Christmas gifts are invited to a festive craft fair in Oswestry.

Qube's Winter Craft Fair is due to take place tomorrow (Friday) on Bailey Head from 9am to 3pm.

There will be products and gifts on sale including mosaics, Christmas wreaths, willow baskets, willow decorations, jewellery, peg bags and Christmas cards.

It has been organised by Qube, based on Oswald Road, which will also have a stall about the workshops it offers. It will also have colouring activities for children.

For more information call (01691) 656882 or email *info@qube-oca.org.uk*

Geraint helps to raise cancer cash

MORE than £4,500 was raised for cancer charities at a charity event in Llanfyllin.

The event was organised by Geraint Jones and his family and friends.

Mr Jones was diagnosed with leukaemia 20 years ago and the charity evening, entitled Bud's Do, was held as a thank you to charities which help cancer and leukamiea sufferers.

The total was matched by BUPA to give £4,720 for Leukeamia and Lymphoma Research and Lingen Davies Cancer Relief.

Search for private finance in workhouse development

PRIVATE finance is being sought to help turn part of a historic workhouse near the Shropshire/Welsh border into low cost visitor accommodation, volunteers behind the plans have revealed.

The development of Llanfyllin's Workhouse, which enjoyed national recognition when it featured on the BBC's Restoration series in 2004, took a major step forward at the weekend when teams of volunteer builders arrived to carry out work.

But members of the Llanfyllin Dolydd Building Preservation Trust have revealed that private funding will also have to be found to pay for some of the work.

by Iain St John

Part of the redevelopment plans include the building of a bunkhouse to offer low cost accommodation.

The bunkhouse will occupy 20 people and is not intended to conflict with bed and breakfasts and hotels in the area. Accommodation will cost about £10 or £12 a night and is aimed at group of walkers or motorcyclist or friends who are visiting the area.

John Hainsworth from the preservation trust said some of the redevelopment work had attracted funding from the independent charitable grant making trust the Pilgrim Trust. But he said others part of the development was not eligible for grant funding and the voluntary help offered by the work party at the weekend was a welcome boost to the scheme.

He said: "The volunteers included skilled plasterers and electricians as well as labourers, sweepers-up, cooks and tea-makers.

"The focus of the work was the former entrance block and board room, re-roofed last year with the help of the Pilgrim Trust, which is destined to become a bunkhouse with two family units.

"The trust is hoping to attract private finance to complete furnishing and fitting-out which is not eligible for grant aid, and also more volunteers.

"Those with building skills are especially welcome, but anyone keen to help is invited to contact the workhouse on (01691) 649062."

Photo contest will take a day

SNAP happy photography enthusiasts are being challenged to take part in Oswestry's first Photomarathon.

The event has been described by organisers as a photograph competition with a difference.

It will see entrants given just six hours to take nine separate pictures portraying nine different topics in and around Oswestry.

The topics which need to be photographed are a closely guarded secret and will only be revealed on the day of the Photomarathon.

The event has been organised by The Rotary Club of Oswestry and Walford and North Shropshire College and will take place on November 7.

All people have to do is turn up at 9.30am at the Qube in Oswald Road in Oswestry and take part in three times challenges.

There will be three prizes of £10 each, one for each of the three sets of three images, and a prize of £25 for the overall winner.

Award for charity fundraiser

Laundry assistant Maria Hughes, centre, receives the 'Community Fund Raiser Award' from Director of Care and Support Kevin Hughes, and Director of Human Resources Gill Murgatroyd.

A COMMITTED charity fundraiser from the Shropshire border has been presented with a community award recognising her dedication and efforts in helping Cancer Research.

Maria Hughes, who works at Chirk Court Residential Home near Oswestry, was nominated by colleagues. The laundry assistant's efforts were recognised when she was presented with the community fundraiser of the year award at the annual conference for 150 staff from the care homes managed by Clwyd Alyn Housing Association.

Kevin Hughes, director of care and support for the association, said she was a dedicated fundraiser for Cancer Research, taking part in its sponsored Midnight Wales.

He said she was nominated by colleagues and residents because she was 'always cheerful and always finds time for others'.

Rotarians told story of unsung sport hero

THE extraordinary story of one of Oswestry's unsung sporting heroes has finally been recognised by the town's rotary club.

The achievements of Paralympian Malcolm Tarkenter stayed below the radar of organisers of the sporting hall of fame, unveiled at Oswestry Leisure Centre in the summer.

But after Rotarian Hazel Yates heard about Mr Tarkenter's achievements in wheelchair basketball she invited him to be guest speaker at the latest club meeting so a wider audience would learn about his career.

She said: "When I was helping to prepare the Oswestry Hall of Fame for the Oswestry Games this summer, Malcolm's name stayed below our radar, such is the modesty of this outstanding sportsman and sports administrator.

"I am pleased to have this opportunity to acknowledge his achievements."

Rotary club spokesman Graham Moss said few members knew Mr Tarkenter had been capped 200 times and won Paralympic and World silver medals as well as a European gold.

Mr Moss said Malcolm was a 17 year-old apprentice plumber when a workplace accident left him paralysed from the chest down. His silver medal was at the Atlanta Paralympics in 1996.

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Six-bed period residence in large landscaped gardens

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On the market with Bowen Son & Watson for £599,950, it includes six large bedrooms (two ensuite), a large workshop/storeroom and two garages.

The present owners have also installed bed and breakfast facilities over the years.

The entrance hall has oak block flooring and access to the cellar. The lounge has a wide bay window and an oak panelled fire surround, and the dining room has an inglenook fireplace with multi-fuel stove.

There is also a sitting room, cloakroom, study, and a morning room with open fireplace and glazed doors to the garden.

The kitchen/breakfast room has a good range of units and quarry tiled floor, while the utility is a large ancillary room with a door to the patio.

Off the first floor galleried landing is bedroom one with views of the front garden and a fully tiled ensuite. Bedroom two has garden views and an ensuite, while bedroom three has a built-in wardrobe and bedroom four has a wc. There is also a family bathroom. Bedrooms five and six can be found on the second floor.

There are extensive lawned gardens including a kitchen garden and greenhouse, and a driveway leading to two garages. There is also a large workshop/store room.

For more details call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

Spacious home has glorious rural views

Skylarks, in Pant, is a spacious detached house with views of the Shropshire Plain, the Breidden Hills and Rodney's Pillar.

On sale for £299,950, the four-bedroom property stands in 0.23 of an acre and has a garage, workshop, car port and ample parking.

Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, a cloakroom, kitchen and a utility room.

A ground floor office could also be a bedroom and there is a ground floor master suite.

Upstairs are three bedrooms, one with ensuite shower room, and a family bathroom.

The property has oil-fired central heating and double glazing.

For more details contact Halls on 01691 670320 or go to www.hallsgb.com

Detached house on pleasant corner plot

Number 37 Jasmine Gardens, Oswestry, is a well-appointed three-bedroom house on an attractive corner plot.

Standing in a quiet area overlooking the town, the detached property is on the market through agents JJ Dell & Company, who have set a guide price of £169,950.

With gas-fired central heating and double glazing, accommodation comprises a reception hall, large lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, parking and neatly kept gardens to front and rear.

For further information or to arrange a viewing, contact JJ Dell & Company on 01691 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk

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Superior five-bed house backs on to open countryside

A substantial country house with glorious views over the Long Mountain and Camlad Valley is on the market at a guide price of £485,000. Plas Newydd, Montgomery, includes an entrance hall, spacious kitchen/breakfast room, two living/sitting rooms, sun room, hobby, dining room, utility, sauna and downstairs shower room. Upstairs are five bedrooms, one ensuite, and a family bathroom. The property is set in beautifully landscaped gardens with open countryside to the rear.

For further information please contact Halls on 01938 555552 or visit www.hallsestateagents.co.uk

Well-presented semi on market with no chain

Number 98 Llwyn Road, Oswestry, is a smartly presented semi-detached family home which is convenient for the town centre.

The three-bedroom property is on the market through Woodhead Estates priced at £134,950 with no upward chain. It has an entrance hall, downstairs wc, kitchen, living room, dining room, master bedroom, two further bedrooms, bathroom, paved frontage and rear garden.

For further information please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com

Three-storey town house includes cellar and attic space

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Charming sandstone cottage comes with pony paddock

Chapel House, Ellesmere is a charming three-bedroom detached sandstone country cottage with a pony paddock, stable block and double garage which has been restored to an exceptionally high standard. It is for sale through Town & Country with a guide price of £375,000.
Set in 1.2 acres in a rural location it has a reception hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, conservatory, shower room, master bedroom with ensuite bathroom, and extensive gardens.

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Modern property in easily managed gardens

For sale through Parry Lowarch at £189,950, The New House, Sarn Wem, Four Crosses, Llanymynech, is a modern detached property in easily managed gardens, with spacious accommodation.
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Parry Lowarch

Barn conversion has views over neighbouring farmland

The Coach House, 2 Donnet Mews, Whittington, near Oswestry, is an attractive barn conversion on the fringe of the village with views over farmland.
The three-bedroom character property is on the market through Samuel Wood priced at £199,950.
Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, downstairs shower room, study, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and two parking spaces.

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2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
RECENTLY MODERNISED
KITCHEN/DINER
OIRO £159,950

NEW

Llansantffraid **14 MAES YR EGLWYS**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
EN-SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
UTILITY ROOM
OIRO £159,950

Oswestry **11 PARK AVENUE**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
PERIOD FEATURES
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £154,950

Weston Rhyn **MEADOW VIEW**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
VILLAGE LOCATION
CONSERVATORY
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £149,950

NEW

Weston Rhyn **19 LONG CROFT**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry **61 LLWYN ROAD**
3 BED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
TASTEFULLY EXTENDED
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
OIRO £139,950

NEW BUILD

Oswestry **1 CAMBRIAN MEWS**
2/3 BEDROOM END TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
OPEN PLAN LIVING SPACE
NEW BUILD
£139,950

Oswestry **15 BROOKHOUSE ROAD**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
DOWNSTAIRS W.C & SHOWER ROOM
CONSERVATORY
OIRO £139,950

NEW PRICE

Oswestry **22 CHURCHFIELDS**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
DETATCHED GARAGE
OIRO £139,950

NEW BUILD

Oswestry **2 CAMBRIAN MEWS**
2/3 BEDROOM TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
OPEN PLAN LIVING SPACE
NEW BUILD
£137,950

NEW

Oswestry **98 LLWYN ROAD**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
OIRO £134,950

Oswestry **7 LILAC GROVE**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
LIVING ROOM/DINER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £124,950

NEW

Oswestry **3 ABRAHAM COURT**
1 BED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
RETIREMENT PROPERTY
COMMUNAL GARDEN
SECURITY ENTRANCE
OIRO £84,950

TO LET

Maesbrook **ROSEDALE**
3 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
DETACHED GARAGE
ENCLOSED GARDEN
PCM £625

TO LET

Whittington **29 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
ENSUITE MASTER BEDROOM
UTILITY ROOM
PCM £625

TO LET

Wrexham **3 YALE LODGE**
TWO BED TOP FLOOR APT
AVAILABLE EARLY DECEMBER
KITCHEN/ DINER
SECURE PARKING
PCM £525

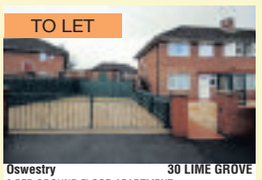
TO LET

Llansantffraid **GROVE VIEW**
3 BED TERRACE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DETACHED GARAGE
OFF ROAD PARKING
PCM £495

TO LET

Oswestry **39 ASTON WAY**
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
AVAILABLE MID NOVEMBER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
PCM £475

TO LET



Oswestry **30 LIME GROVE**
2 BED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
AVAILABLE NOW
OFF ROAD PARKING
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PCM £435

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NEW

A two bedroom mid terrace property with garden and parking. An ideal investment purchase or first time buy.

- 2 Bed Property
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Good Road & Rail Links
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

New Cottages, Gobowen

Price: £102,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

This four detached family home is located in a very sought after residential area with excellent commuter links nearby, good schools and amenities a short drive away.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Inglis Road, Park Hall

Price: £215,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

This former Head Masters House has been extended and renovated to a high standard to provide a most comfortable family home with countryside views from all windows.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- Semi Rural Location
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Parking

Chain School Cottage, Maesbury Marsh

Price: £225,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A four bedroom barn conversion offering spacious and immaculate accommodation of brick construction under a slated roof forming a part of a classic range of barn conversions set around a large farmyard.

- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 / 3 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Parking
- Village Location
- Viewing Advised

Poplar View Barn, Knockin

Price: £425,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW

This THREE BEDROOM semi detached family home with CONSERVATORY, GARAGE and PARKING.

- 3 Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens

Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry

Price: £148,000 Contact Ellesmere

NEW

A most spacious detached family home offering spacious and well planned accommodation in a popular residential area.

- 5 Bedrooms (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

Cae Onan, Morda

Price: £234,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

This charming detached Victorian cottage is situated in a most pleasant rural location with lovely countryside walks on the doorstep and with excellent commuter links a short drive away

- 3 Bedroom
- Oil Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gardens Front, Side & Rear
- Garage Block With Kennel / Dog Run
- Parking

Rhos Cottage, Quinta

Price: £249,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW

A fine example of a traditional Georgian farmhouse set in splendid countryside in grounds of two acres with outbuildings.

- 18th Century Grade II Listed Farmhouse
- 4 Reception Rooms
- 5 Bedrooms
- Paddock & Gardens To 1.59 Acres
- Two Store Rooms

Plas Bostock Farm, Holt

Price: £585,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

TRADITIONAL FARMBUILDING WITH FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR CONVERSION INTO TWO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF A HANDSOME GEORGIAN HOUSE.

- Planning Application P2009/0690 dated 14th August 2009.
- Planning Application P2008/0532 dated 14th May 2008.
- Planning Application P2008/0249 dated 7th March 2008.
- Rural Location

Plas Bostock Barns, Holt

Price: £225,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A most well presented four bedroom family home enjoying corner plot gardens and is available having the benefit of NO CHAIN

- 4 Bedroom (Master En-Suite & Dressing Room)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Oil Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

Laburnum Meadows, Four Crosses

Price: £214,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A DETACHED TWO bedroom bungalow situated in a most popular and sought after residential area.

- 2 Bedrooms
- Car Port & Parking
- Open Garden Room
- Double Glazing
- Patio,Terraced & Laid to Lawn Rear Garden

Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry

Price: £129,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A THREE bedroom DETACHED bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location within a popular village

- 3 Bed Detached Bungalow
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Park Fechan Gardens, Whittington

Price: £199,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

An immaculate individual detached barn conversion situated in a most picturesque rural location tucked away from the passing lane. This stone barn formed part of the Llangedwyn Estates and is located in a delightful, private wooded location close to the Rivers Tanat and Cynllaith.

- Located in a delightful, private wooded location
- Close To Rivers Tanat & Cynllaith
- 3 Bed House & 1 Bed Annexe
- Character & Charm Thoroughout
- Secluded Position
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Golfa Isaf Barn, Llangedwyn

Price: £399,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW

A secluded but not isolated detached family home dating back to the 1700s with later additions.

- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suite Areas)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens Extending To Approx 1.14 Acres
- Character & Charm
- External Office / Playroom

Hilly Lane, Wilcot Marsh

Price: £399,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A two bedroom detached bungalow with garage and easily maintainable gardens

- 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Easily Maintainable Gardens

Llys Road, Oswestry

Price: £129,950 Contact Oswestry

A detached three bedroom family home on a corner plot situated in a popular sought after residential area with private rear gardens with views over Oswestry Town

- 3 Bed Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Garage & Parking
- Corner Plot
- Private Rear Gardens

Jasmine Gardens, Oswestry

Price: £169,950 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

A well presented three bedroom detached property situated in the most sought after village of Whittington.

- 3 Bed (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Garage & Parking
- Corner Plot
- Cul-De-Sac Position

Malthouse Close, Whititngton

Price: £179,950 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

An opportunity to purchase an extended four bedroom family home with conservatory tucked away in a popular village location.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms & Conservatory
- 1/2 Garage & Parking
- Garden
- Popular Village Location
- Viewing Recommended

Aspen Grange, Weston Rhyn

Price: £167,500 Contact Oswestry

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- First floor open plan living accommodation
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- Large timber decked area and summer house
- Landscaped terraced gardens and woodland
- Ample on-site parking. Sep driveway to garden

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21 Cae Camlad, Churchstoke
£149,950

- Terraced Two Bed Dormer Style Property
- Sitting /Dining Room, Kitchen. Utility &Storage Area
- Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Sep W.C.
- Easy maintenance rear garden
- UPVC Double Glazing. Oil Fired Heating
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

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76 Borfa Green, Welshpool
£129,950

- Mid-Terrace 3 Bed Family House
- Sitting & Dining Rooms, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms, Tiled Bathroom. Gas Heating. D/Glazed
- Car Parking Place. Front garden. Rear lawn and decking
- In Good Decorative Order Throughout
- Ideal First Time Buy/Investment

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Plot Two, Bower Farm Overton Rd, St Martins
£240,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Two reception rooms, kitchen and utility
- Master bedroom en-suite and family bathroom
- Full D/glazing, Gas C/H, Detached garage
- Central location in well served village

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2 Bed Semi-Det House, Gas C/H, New Kitchen & Bathroom, Parking	£450 pcm
2 Bed End-Terrace House, Gas C/H, Parking, Garden, FTE, No Pets	£460 pcm

PARK HALL

2 Bedroom First Floor Flat, Gas C/H, Parking, FTE, No Pets	£375 pcm

PENYBONTFAWR

3 Bed Det House, Oil C/H, Garage, Parking, FTE, No Pets/Smokers	£495 pcm

BABBINSWOOD

3 Bed Det Cottage, Electric Heating, Garden, Parking, FTE, No Pets	£500 pcm

GOBOWEN

1 Bed First Floor Flat, Econ 7 Heating, Re decorated, FTE, No Pets	£250 pcm
4 Bed Det House, Gas C/H, Garage, Garden, FTE, No Pets/Smokers	£675 pcm

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Plot One, Bower Farm Overton Rd, St Martins
£240,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Two reception rooms, kitchen and utility
- Master bedroom en-suite and family bathroom
- Full D/glazing, Gas C/H, Detached garage
- Central location in well served village

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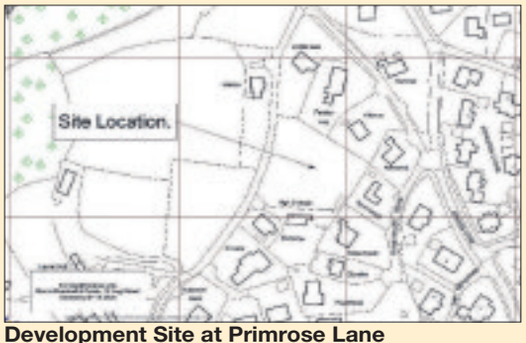

Development Site at Primrose Lane Pant, SY10 8LB
£200,000

- Residential Development Site with Full P/P
- Permission for three detached bungalows
- Shared vehicular access off Primrose Lane
- A pleasant well located level site, edge of village
- 1 unit affording 148 sqm & 2 units at 112.20 sqm

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BUILDING PLOT

Plot Five, Blancminster Park Morda Rd, Oswestry
£225,000

- A Premier 0.5 Acre Building Plot
- Opportunity for a be-spoke detached dwelling
- Plans available for individual 5 bedroom house
- Sought after location on fringe of town
- Close to Secondary School & Cricket Club
- Private drive approach off Morda Road

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The Old Station, Brownlow Road Ellesmere

- Grade II Listed Former Railway Station
- Excellent development opportunity
- Suitable for conversion subject to planning
- Proposed layouts for Eight Apartments
- Within easy reach of local town centre
- Amenity grounds boundaries to be agreed

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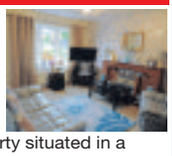
Lower Brook Street Oswestry £185,000

NEW - NO CHAIN

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Detached House set within a popular location convenient to the town
- Wide Entrance Hall leading to an Inner Hall, Cloaks, "L" Shaped Sitting Room/Dining Room
- Living Room, Study/Bedroom 4, Further Bedroom 5, Kitchen, Utility, Rear Lobby
- Three First Floor Bedrooms, Large Family Bathroom.
- Gas C/H. D/G, carport, patio garden to the rear. Rarely available in this location

Balmoral Crescent Oswestey £125,000

NEW



- A well presented Semi-Detached Property situated in a popular residential location
- Property has been extended to provide additional reception room on ground floor
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Dining Rm
- Two Excellent Bedrooms, Bathroom. UPVC D/G & Gas C/H
- Large terraced garden to the rear

Morda Close Oswestry £295,000

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

- A most comfortably appointed Detached Three Bedroom Dormer Bungalow situated in a premier area towards the outskirts of the Town
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Sun Conservatory, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility, Cloakroom with shower, Master Bedroom, Luxury Bathroom.
- On the first floor a further Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Double glazing, Gas C/H
- Garage, enclosed lawned gardens with shrubs and soft fruit trees.
- A private driveway to the fore from a shared initial access road

NEW - NO CHAIN

West Place Gobowen £115,995

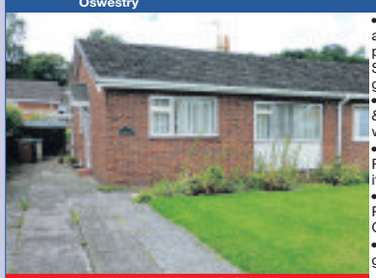
- A spacious and well presented 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property situated within an established area in the popular village of Gobowen.
- The property has a well maintained kitchen and bathroom, Gas C/G and double glazing
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Off-road parking to the front and a good size rear garden
- The property should be of interest to first time purchasers or investment buyers

NEW - NO CHAIN

Chestnut Avenue Oswestry £109,000

- A well positioned and spacious Semi-Detached House
- Convenient to all facilities and close to a regular bus route into the Town.
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Three Excellent Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom. Gas fired central heating, double glazing,
- Gardens to fore and rear. Ideal for investment or first time purchase.

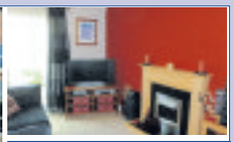
Monkmoor Road Oswestry £114,000



NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

- A well positioned and comfortably appointed spacious Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Convenient to Town & local Junior School with bus stop nearby
- Ent Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathrm. Part double glazing, Gas C/H
- Easily maintained gardens

NO CHAIN



Lakeholme Gardens Oswestry £159,500

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Constructed only six years ago to NHBC standards
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Kitchen
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double glazing
- Gas fired central heating, security system
- Enclosed garden to the rear, car parking space

NO CHAIN

Marsland Close St. Martins £169,000

- A superbly appointed Detached Residential Bungalow
- In an ideal location on the outskirts of the Village of St.Martins
- Ent Porch & Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Rear Lobby/wc, 2 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Sep. WC
- Low maintainance pvc barges & facies, cavity wall insulation
- Delightful gardens and grounds. D/G. Gas C/H. Garage

The Wood Maesbrook £194,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached Bungalow
- Situated in an idyllic rural position adjacent to open countryside
- Ent Porch, Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room. double glazing
- Large garden with double garage, greenhouses and store sheds

Henlle Lane Nr Weston Rhyn £430,000

- A superbly appointed and delightful Detached Country Cottage having been carefully renovated and improved to include original oak timbers and a wealth of old oak beams
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Study, Sitting Rm with central multi-fuel stove, Dining Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility, Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms, Two Family Bathrooms
- Approached over a gravel driveway with timber store shed & dbl garage
- Adjacent to Henlle Park Golf Club overlooking the 18th tee

Croeswylan Lane Oswestry £349,950

- A most comfortably appointed & spacious Detached House situated in a premier location
- Porch, Wide Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study
- Snug, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Rear Lobby/Utility, 4 Bedrooms
- En-Suite shower & Family Bathroom
- Large Attic Room currently used for recreational purposes
- Gas C/H, double garage, patio & delightful gardens to rear with a southward facing aspect

Four Crosses Llanymynech £325,000

- A spacious Detached Bungalow set within large landscaped gardens
- Wide Ent Hall, Lounge, Study/Bedroom 4, Dining Rm/Snug
- Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Rear Lobby, Utility, 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom, Shower Room. D/G, Oil C/H
- Driveway to double garage with electric doors
- Kitchen garden to rear overlooking agricultural fields

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Knockin Heath, Oswestry

A mature residence requiring general modernisation and upgrading, set in gardens and grounds extending to 3.03 acres, with further adjoining paddock extending to 2.15 acres available by separate negotiation. Hall, drawing room, dining room, snug/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, boot room/utility room, downstairs WC, six bedrooms, family bathroom, WC. Adjoining the property is a former doctor s surgery with its own external door, giving scope for conversion to granny annexe or home work accommodation. Oil CH, range of garaging, workshops, store rooms. Large formal gardens to the rear with orchard, large vegetable garden, adjoining small area of woodland to the front.

Guide Price: POA 3061

Llanyblodwel

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloaks lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. For further information contact our Oswestry office on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000 2858

Station Road, Bala

Neuadd y Cyfnod is full of character and culture, currently run as a successful restaurant and printing works. . With large scope for development, currently having Bar & Lounge area seating 40, Banqueting Room, various meetings rooms, offices and stores. Set in 0.65 of an acre including large courtyard, lawns and parking area
For further details contact 01938 554499.

Guide Price: £425,000 2915

Penygarreg Lane, Pant

A substantial detached mature bungalow, set in good sized gardens and wooded dingle extending to approx 2.5 acres in total. Feature reception hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Large double garage, oil CH, PVC DG to the majority of windows. It occupies a convenient location on the outskirts of the village within walking distance of local amenities.

Guide Price: £395,000 2962

Off Cemetery Lane, Guilsfield

An extremely spacious, modern detached family house, with gas CH, uPVC DG, double garage and very large south facing rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient central village position within short walking distance of a range of local amenities, and being about three miles north of Welshpool. Large impressive reception hall, cloaks/WC, large living room, dining room, family room/study, kitchen with built in appliances, utility room, large landing, five bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, and family bathroom.

Guide Price: £355,000 2891

Haughton, Llandrinio

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts.

Guide Price: £350,000 1962

Edgerley, Nr Oswestry

A range of interesting former barns, having being converted into four luxury units, located in the hamlet of Edgerley, situated approximately 12 miles from Shrewsbury and seven miles from Oswestry. There are currently two units remaining, The Drift House is a three double bedroom unit and The Parlour has four good size bedrooms. Converted to a high standard with quality fittings throughout, with ground heating source CH, wood framed DG, pleasant private gardens and detached double garages. They also have the option to purchase a small paddock by separate negotiation. The barns have a guide price of £325,000 each, for further information contact Agents on 01743 343343.

Guide Price: £325,000 2897

Pontrobert, Meifod

A charming mid 16th century detached Grade II• Listed cottage with gardens to the front, rear and side, set on the outskirts of a delightful and popular village. Entrance hall, dining room, snug/office, fully fitted kitchen, utility room/cloaks, sitting room, landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms, family bathroom. For further details or to arrange a viewing contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £338,000 2856

Nantmawr, Oswestry

A rare opportunity to acquire a converted stone barn with additional first floor annex together with an extensive stone house in need of renovation for which planning has been granted all set around an enclosed yard, the gardens and grounds amount to 1.69 acres approximately. Graig Gwyn consists of a hall, kitchen, dining area, sitting room, two bedrooms, bathroom, garage with utility/laundry, along with a one bedroom annex. The stone house for renovation will provide five bedroom family accommodation. For further details please contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £300,000

Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees. hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three nedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £295,000

Heldre Lane, Trewern

An attractive, spacious, modern detached family house, having oil CH, uPVC DG, large double garage, ample parking, and gardens. It occupies a very pleasant rural position in this popular village, located approx four miles from Welshpool and 14 miles from Shrewsbury, and enjoying lovely country views towards wooded hills in the distance. Spacious hall, living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, side porch, downstairs WC, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom.

Guide Price: £295,000 2904

Llanerfyl, Welshpool

An extremely spacious detached bungalow, having LP gas CH, DG, double garage, and very large garden grounds amounting in all to approx 0.75 acres. Hall, living room, study, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms and three bath/shower rooms. It occupies a very pleasant position in the village of Llanerfyl, well set back from the road and adjacent to countryside, situated approx four miles west of Llanfair Caereinion, and about 14 miles from Welshpool.

Guide Price: £280,000 2913

Meifod, Powys

An extremely spacious four bedroom detached house, oil CH, uPVC DG, large double garaging, ample parking, gardens with magnificent balcony style patio enjoying wonderful elevated views. Hallway, large living room, kitchen/dining room, uPVC conservatory, three good size bedrooms, bathroom. On the lower level is a utility room, shower room with WC, three other rooms which currently comprise bedroom, study and store room but this level could be converted subject to necessary consents into separate annexe accommodation.

Guide Price: £275,000 3003

Horsemarket, Oswestry

An impressive spacious semi-detached period property restored to an exceptional standard, set in a convenient central town oasis location, within a part of Oswestry that is a conservation area. The well planned accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, large breakfast kitchen, utility and ironing room, cellar, luxury fitted bathroom with double shower and roll top bath, and four double bedrooms. Fine gardens, grounds and patio, external parking for three cars. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £265,000

Fircourt Drive, Churchstoke

An attractive, modern, extremely spacious, detached family house, with oil CH, uPVC DG, detached double garaging, ample parking, and delightful landscaped gardens. Entrance hall, reception hall, cloaks/WC, large living room/dining room, dining room/study, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, landing, four good size bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, and family bathroom. Occupying a pleasant position in the village close to a wide range of local amenities.

Guide Price: £250,000 2474

Maesbury, Oswestry

A character public house with a friendly family atmosphere and a wealth of character features. Two large lounge bar areas, games room (previously used as a dining area), central bar area, equipped kitchen and associated store rooms, spacious private accommodation. Large outdoor area with ample parking for around 20 cars, paddock which could be utilised as a beer garden or camping area. Fronting onto Maesbury Road, less than a mile off the A483 which is a busy thoroughfare, The Original Ball is free of tie and provides a rare opportunity to purchase a freehold popular public house with scope to expand the business. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £247,500

Maesbury, Oswestry

A deceptively spacious semi-detached family house, having oil CH, uPVC DG, single garage, and front and side gardens. The property occupies a delightful semi-rural position on the fringe of Maesbury, surrounded by lovely rural countryside and enjoying countryside views. Entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, large pantry, utility room, ground floor WC, landing, four bedrooms, en-suite shower room, and family bathroom.

Guide Price: £199,950 3097

Lilac Grove, Oswestry

A well appointed and hugely extended, end of terrace house, uPVC DG, gas CH, and very large rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position within short distance local amenities. The accommodation must be viewed to appreciate the size of this property; hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room, large L-shaped kitchen/dining room, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, separate WC.

Guide Price: £145,000 2941

Roundwood Close, Oswestry

A spacious extended semi-detached property offering affordable four bedroom accommodation, with gas CH wood framed DG, and ample private off street parking. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, kitchen, good size utility room, timber and brick constructed conservatory, landing, four bedrooms, family bathroom. It occupies a quiet end of cul-de-sac position with enclosed gardens to the rear with small greenhouse.

Guide Price: £139,500 2985

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Glebe Meadows, Gobowen

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Offers in Region of £310,000

Pant, Nr Oswestry

A most individual and spacious 4 bedroom split level detached family house which enjoys a delightful elevated position set in generous gardens. The property offers excellent road links via A483 and briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Ground Floor Bedroom with Ensuite, Utility with access to useful basement storage, First Floor Gallery Landing with access to Balcony, Living Room with Balcony, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Garden Room, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Driveway providing extensive parking with turning provision, Garage with automatic up and over door. Early Viewing Recommended.

Offers in Region of £259,950

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Offers Over £140,000

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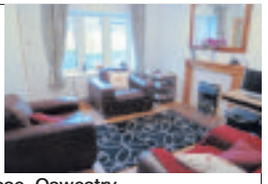
Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most impressive 4/5 bedroom modern executive detached house to the market which enjoys spacious accommodation to include: Reception Hall, Study, Living Room, Dining Room, Sun Room, Quality Oak Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms and Dressing Room/Bedroom 5, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Alarm System, Brick Paved Driveway Providing Ample Off Road Parking, Integral Garage and Enclosed Rear Garden. The property has the benefit of being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Offers in the Region of £279,950



Kensington Close, Oswestry

..TASTEFULLY EXTENDED TO INCLUDE FAMILY ROOM, GARDEN ROOM, GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM AND LARGE UTILITY ROOM.. 2 bedroom semi detached house which enjoys a private situation within this popular residential locality. Viewing Fully Recommended.

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Orchard Street, Oswestry

..OFFERS INVITED.. 2 double bedroom mature terraced town house to the market which enjoys a convenient location for local town amenities and benefits from an attractive re-fitted Kitchen and Bathroom. Gas Fired Central Heating. Enclosed Rear Garden. NO CHAIN.

Open to Offers £104,950

Wern, Llanymynech

4 bed detached edge of village residence which enjoys truly delightful views and landscaped gardens of approx 0.25 acre. The property briefly comprises: Three Reception Rooms, Generous Kitchen Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Double Garage. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £310,000

Tregarthen Lane, Pant

4 bed split level det family home enjoying a delightful elevated position with far reaching views over the Shropshire Plain. The property briefly comprises: Covered Entrance, Reception Hall, Two Ground Floor Bedrooms, Shower Room, First Floor Landing, Living Room with feature inglenook fireplace, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Piano Room/Bedroom 2, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Sun Room and Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in the Region of £295,000

Summerfield Close, Oswestry

A 4 bed semi detached family house which benefits from a spacious Master Bed Ensuite and Conservatory. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room with feature fireplace, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, PVC DG, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £167,500

Penybontfawr

3/4 bedroom cottage with an attached 1 bedroom self contained annexe offering an ideal investment opportunity and large detached garage/workshop.The property enjoys a delightful riverside setting, generous neatly landscaped gardens and lends itself to bed and breakfast, holiday or long-term rental. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in the Region of £275,000

Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry

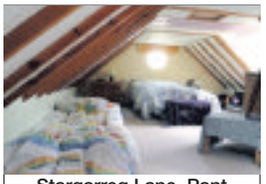
A two 'double' bedroom mature semi detached house which benefits from a re-fitted Kitchen and Luxury Bathroom. Enjoying a convenient position for local town centre amenities and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Rear Lobby, Garden Room/Store and Gardens to include feature decked balcony/patio. Viewing Recommended.

Offers in Region of £129,950

The Cottages, High Fawr Avenue, Oswestry

A two bedroom semi detached cottage style bungalow enjoying a delightful tucked away position within this most sought after residential locality. Briefly comprising: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Attractive Kitchen and Dining Area, Two Bedrooms and Attractive Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway providing ample off road parking and Gardens. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £165,000



Stargarreg Lane, Pant

A most comfortably appointed detached house: Entrance Hall, Wet Room, Utility, Inner Hall, Study/Bedroom 4, Living Room, Dining Room/Bedroom 3, Kitchen, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Guest Bedroom Two and Family Bathroom. DG, Oil Fired CH, Driveway providing extensive parking and neatly landscaped gardens.

Offers in Region of £244,950

Pool Quay, Welshpool

Enjoying a delightful rural situation a well appointed 3 bed character attached barn conversion which was tastefully completed during 2003. The property offers a wealth of character features and enjoys views over the adjoining countryside with well planned accommodation. The attached barn for conversion is also available to purchase, please ask a member of staff for further details. Viewing fully recommended by the owners agents.

Price Guide £270,000

Sarnau, Llanymynech

5 bedroom detached country residence which enjoys a delightful situation on this small select development of similar executive detached properties. The property enjoys a generous plot and briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Snug, Dining Room, Study, Spacious Kitchen/Family Room, Utility, First Floor Gallery Landing, Master Bedroom and Guest Bedroom Two both Ensuite, Three Further Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Gardens to Front and Rear, Double width driveway and Double Garage. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended.

Price Guide £450,000

Tregarthen Lane, Pant

Split level detached residence which enjoys delightful views over the Shropshire plain and accommodation to comprise: Reception Hall, 3 Ground Floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, First Floor Landing, Cloakroom, Spacious L shaped Family Room/Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Balcony, Dining Room, Living Room, Master Bedroom with Ensuite and Walk-In Wardrobe, Study/Bedroom 5, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing extensive parking, Double Garage, Most attractively landscaped gardens. NO CHAIN.

Offers in the Region of £360,000

Upper Lord Street, Oswestry

Conveniently placed for local town amenities a well appointed 2 bedroom end terraced town house to the market which briefly comprises: Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Enclosed Yard to Rear. NO CHAIN. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £94,950

Powys Place, Oswestry

A two bedroom mid terraced town house which is convenient for local town centre amenities and benefits from a useful attic room (presently utilised as a third bedroom) together with rear garden. The property also comprises: Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Ground Floor Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating and PVC double glazing where stated. Viewing fully recommended by the owners agents.

Offers in Region of £105,000

Fernhill Lane, Gobowen

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant location and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample parking and enviable size garden to rear.

Offers in Region of £110,000

The Meadows, Gobowen

2 bed det bungalow benefiting from a spacious living room with multi fuel stove, study/dining room and a useful side lobby. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and conveniently placed for local village amenities. The property also comprises: Entrance Hall, Re-fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, carport and garage, Gardens front and rear. NO CHAIN.

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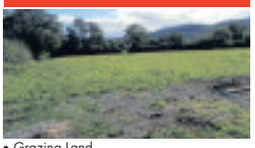

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- Mid Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Convenient Location
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating

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- Mid Terrace House
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
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- Double Glazing

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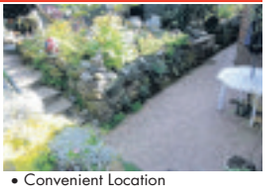

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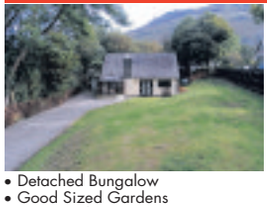

- Detached Bungalow
- Good Sized Gardens
- Deceptively Spacious
- Views over Open Fields
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Edge of Village Location

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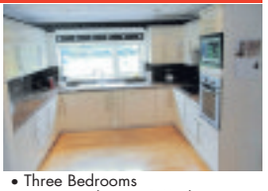

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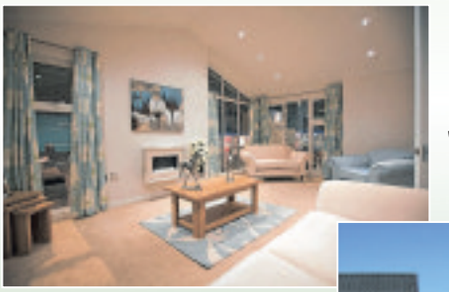

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate WC
- Detached Garage
- Fine Gardens
- Outskirts Of Oswestry

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- Lounge
- Conservatory
- 3 Beds
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- Garage
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- Attractive Garden

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- Kitchen
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For further information please contact Samuel Wood on 01691 659951 or visit www.samuelwood.co.uk

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For further information please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com

Immaculate town house includes garage and parking

An immaculate three-storey town house in a popular location with a garage and off-road parking is on the market with Town & Country. Number 2 Barber Close, Oswestry, has four bedrooms and is for sale priced at £180,000. With gas central heating and double glazing it has an entrance hall, cloakroom, study/bedroom four, kitchen/dining room, utility, living room, first floor bedroom three, bathroom, second floor bedroom one (ensuite), bedroom two and a rear garden.

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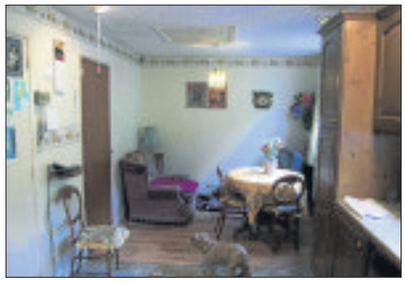

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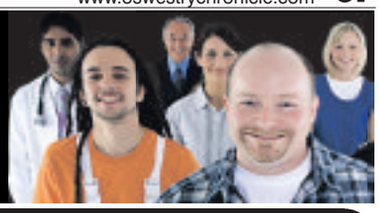

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Deaths

COTTON

Patrick Charles

Passed away peacefully on October 25, 2012, aged 85 years.

Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Tuesday, November 6, at 10.30am.

All inquiries to

DAVID DAVIES & SONS

Telephone 01691 653116.

EVANS

Joan

Of Broadoak Crescent, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury. Sadly passed away on October 22, 2012, following a long illness, aged 80 years. Loving Wife of Paul, Mother of Lindsey, Janet and the late Alison, Grandmother of Stephen, Sian and Evie.

Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please, donations, if wished, to The Friends of Roden Hall Nursing Home, for which purpose a collection box will be provided at the Crematorium.

Inquiries please to

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MELLOR

Kathleen

(Kath)

Passed away peacefully on October 25, 2012, at Brook House Residential Home.

Much loved Wife of the late Brian and loving Mum of Andrew and David.

A Private Cremation will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry, on Tuesday, November 6, at 3.30pm.

Family flowers only.

Donations if desired to St Oswald's Parish Church, Cancer Research UK and Brook House Residential Home.

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Michael, Tina, David, Mr Tony Game and the Family of the late Mrs Stella Broster wish to express their sincere thanks to all Relatives, kind Friends and Neighbours for the cards, letters and other messages of sympathy, love, support and prayers received at this very sad and difficult time, for the attendance of so many of you at the Funeral Service and for your beautiful floral tributes.

Special thanks to Katie Price and her Team at The Flower Shop for the beautiful floral tributes, to all at The Black Horse Inn at Bridgnorth for your hospitality and for looking after everyone so well afterwards and to the Revd John Ward and Organist Mr Oliver Clarke for leading us in such a comforting Service.

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Rail fares 'could deter businesses'

EXPENSIVE rail fares to London could deter businesses from setting up in Shropshire and force then to choose Mid Wales instead, a county businessman has claimed.

Craig Marston said he was 'gobsmacked' and thought the conductor had got it wrong when he was asked to stump up £241 for a peak time day-return from Gobowen to London to attend an urgent meeting.

And the businessman was later told if he had chosen to travel from Welshpool, the price would only have been £54 because of different restrictions from the Welsh station.

Mr Marston, who runs architectural services company Ke-Design in Oswestry, said he had to arrive in London for a last-minute business meeting at 11am so boarded the 6.57am train at Gobowen to arrive in London at 10.15am.

He was told by the conductor off-peak fares were now for arrivals after 11.30am and had to pay the top price.

He said: "I regularly used the 5.30am Shropshire and Wrexham service priced at £40 return.

"I could not believe it last week when I asked for a cheap-day return and was told the ticket price was £241."

He added: "With prices like these, if a business owner was considering setting up a business in Oswestry or Welshpool and compared the prices for travel it could easily push them over the border resulting in the Shropshire economy losing out.

Work with Army is rewarded by firm

by Iain St John

A SHROPSHIRE man's dedication to the armed forces over nearly 30 years has been formally recognised.

Steve Lloyd, from Morda near Oswestry, served in conflicts including Iraq and Northern Ireland and even played a role in helping the US military spearhead Desert Storm in 1991.

Mr Lloyd's dedication was rewarded when he received the Accumulated Campaign Service Medal 2011.

Steve Lloyd

The presentation was made by Tudor Griffiths, managing director of Ellesmere-based Tudor Griffiths Group, where Mr Lloyd has worked for the past 16 years.

Witnessed by a gathering of colleagues, customers, family and friends, Mr Lloyd and his wife of 25 years, Carole, were able to share some of his memories of long and varied service to his country.

Mr Lloyd joined the Junior Soldiers Company of The Light Infantry at Copthorne Barracks in 1979 in Shrewsbury and served until his age led to him being discharged two years later

He re-enlisted with The Light Infantry in Winchester, in 1984.

Mr Lloyd's 12 years service took him to Germany, the USA, Canada and Northern Ireland. A posting to Fort Lewis in Washington State, saw him assist the US Army prior to their deployment on Desert Storm.

He returned to civilian life in 1996 and joined the Tudor Griffiths Group.

His organisational skills were soon spotted and he was promoted to a plant supervisor.

He joined the Territorial Army in 1997 and from November 2005 to June 2006, he was back in the theatre of war when he was mobilised for an army operation in Basra, Iraq.

Tudor Griffiths said: "We are proud of Steve and his achievements and bravery in the armed services.

"He has served his country with distinction.

"Our company too is benefiting from his skills and dedication."

Bank chiefs to get award for helping the disabled

BOSSES at a Shropshire bank will be formally thanked for making life easier for disabled customers who until recently were forced to do their banking out in the street.

Extensive work to improve access to Santander bank in Oswestry was commissioned by managers after they were approached by a town disability group.

Oswestry Access Group asked the Cross Street bank if it could get rid of a step to allow disabled people to use their premises after it emerged that some did their banking outside.

And in the summer that was exactly what the bank chiefs did providing a custom made ramp to allow wheelchair users easy access and carrying out internal refurbishment.

The bank's support for disability rights will be recognised at an award ceremony at the Memorial Hall on November 13.

Jane's new venture

Jane Liddiatt with her children Charlotte and Robert.

THE phrase 'I liked it so much, I bought the company' used to be the proud catchphrase of US Remington shaver boss Victor Kiam.

But the phrase can now equally be used by Shropshire entrepreneur Jane Liddiatt after she took over a business which runs drama and creative play classes.

The mother of two was so impressed by the Pyjama Drama classes that she used to take her oldest child to, that when the business came up for sale she jumped at the chance of buying it.

And she is now the proud owner of the enterprise, which offers classes for babies, toddlers and children in Oswestry and Shrewsbury. Jane also has plans to set up new classes in north Shropshire.

Explaining her decision to buy the business Jane, who lives near Oswestry, said: "I've always loved Pyjama Drama because I've seen, first-hand, the enjoyment that my son had in the classes and also the huge benefits to his development. It's brilliant for building confidence and nurturing communication and co-operation skills."

Although Jane has always had a lifelong passion for drama and theatre, this is the first time she has combined it with her working life. Her previous job was working as a client auditor for a financial company.

For further information about Pyjama Drama classes, contact Jane on (01691) 898508 or e-mail *JaneL@pyjamadrama.com*

Details can also be found at *www.pyjamadrama.com*

Campaigners say third of villagers are against plans

CAMPAIGNERS are claiming a third of the residents in a village on the Shropshire border have joined their fight against controversial housing plans.

Members of the Chirk Bank Community Group are battling against plans for seven homes in the picturesque canalside village near Oswestry.

But developers say their proposal, which includes three affordable homes, will meet the need for housing in the area and help local families get on the property ladder.

A planning statement lodged with Shropshire Council on behalf of the applicant, Mr P. Speake, said a plan was launched two years ago for the site to be developed.

It said there was opposition to this scheme and the revised plans would appease objectors.

But group member Angela Bright said: "Opposition is growing and we had 66 people send in objections.

"I think there are only about 300 houses in the village so to have about a third of the village write in shows the level of opposition.

"We simply feel there is not the demand for this housing in the village.

"And we are worried about the sewage problem and whether the system can cope with more homes. We are not against new housing in the right area.

"Affordable home are important. There are new homes in the nearby village of Weston Rhyn."

Festive tree to be lit up

ELLESMERE Rotary Club's tree of light will be switched on during the winter festival on November 30.

The tree will be switched on at 6.15pm by Lincoln McMullan from the town's chamber of trade.

All proceeds from the campaign will be donated to Cancer Research UK and to local charities supported by the Rotary Club. Last year's appeal raised £1,000 for the British Heart Foundation.

People wishing to support the appeal can contact Rotary Club members.

Call (01691) 690799 for more details.

Station's group is seeking a Santa

WANTED – an old, fat and jolly man for some seasonal work, no experience necessary.

The job description may not exactly flatter, and more than likely contravenes employment and discrimination laws.

But is also describes the person needed by the Cambrian Heritage Railways as members hunt for someone to be Father Christmas for its annual Santa Trains fundraising campaign.

Final plans are being put in place for the Oswestry based rail group festive fundraiser – but the one thing the group has not sorted is who will be Santa.

Mike Rowe from the group said: "The person we had do it last year is not available now so we are desperately looking for someone.

"No experience is necessary and all they have to do is give out the presents to the children who take a ride on our Santa Train.

"The Santa Trains run from our Oswestry base and our base at Llynclys each weekend during December in the run-up to Christmas.

"He will work from the station building at Oswestry and a guard's van at Llynclys, decorated as Santa's grotto."

Anyone interested can contact Mr Rowe on (01691) 679007 or 07800 962005.

MP denies he left debate

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Owen Paterson has denied claims from badger cull opponents that he walked out on a House of Commons debate.

Opponents of the controversial policy, which aims to control the spread of bovine tuberculosis in cows by allowing badgers to be shot, took to social networks last Thursday to claim Mr Paterson had walked out of a debate on the Government cull plans.

He was also accused by Labour MPs of saying he 'can't stand any more of this' as he left.

But the North Shropshire MP denied he walked out and any comment he made as he left was in response to claims some of the speakers had made during the debate.

by Iain St John

Labour MP Jamie Reed claimed on Twitter a microphone picked Mr Paterson up expressing his frustration as he left the house.

Mr Reed tweeted: "Blundering Owen Paterson leaves the chamber chuntering into a Mic – "I can't stand any more of this"." The accusation was supported by another Labour MP, Kerry McCarthy, who also took to Twitter to say: "Owen Paterson, Defra Secretary, has just walked out of chamber saying 'I can't stand this.'"

A similar claim was made by MP Angela Smith, also on Twitter, and other Twitter users following the debate voiced concerns after hearing claims of the alleged walk-out.

Tweeter Susan Mears said: "If Owen Paterson can't hack a simple debate, maybe it's time to find a new job."

And Twitter user Sarah Jane Thompson said: "How disgraceful of Owen Paterson to storm out of the HoC #badgerculldebate. Just shows he doesn't want to listen."

But Mr Paterson has denied he walked out. He said: "I was between meetings so I thought I would slip in for 20 minutes to see how the debate was going.

" I listened for a while then had to go to another meeting at 12.45pm. I didn't storm in or out anywhere."

"As I left I might have joked about the ill-informed comments of the other side."

Rotarians back polio campaign

ROTARIANS in Oswestry joined other clubs across the country in showing support for World Polio Day.

The clubs held fundraising activities and took to the internet to try and get as many people as possible to learn about the need to eradicate the disease.

John Minhinick, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland president, said: "Polio may long be forgotten from this country, thanks to our excellent health infrastructure, but it is still a very real risk for children elsewhere.

This is why it is important to support Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

"Since the mid-1980s, Rotary has been vaccinating, fundraising and working with governments across the world to bring an end to polio."

For more information visit http://www.ribi.org/what-we-do/RIBI-projects/polio-eradication

Jewellery sale helps hospital

MARION Davies on her jewellery stall during a recent fundraising craft fair at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry, which was in aid of the Oswestry Rheumatology Association at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen. *Picture: Simon Williams.*

NEWS in brief

Furniture goes on show at gallery

A FURNITURE exhibition is taking place in Oswestry.

Vidal and Vaughan Furniture will be on show at the Dunbabin Gallery in the Willow Gallery until December 1.

A spokesperson for the event said: "It is a unique exhibition of hand crafted furniture and furniture making tools."

The gallery also has a Bead by Bead exhibition which includes a collection of jewellery, photography and oil paintings. This will run until November 17.

The spokesman added: "We hope to see you at the Gallery this weekend; the cafe and gallery will be open on both days this weekend."

Venue change for charity concert

A CHARITY concert and disco in Oswestry has changed location.

The event will take place on Saturday from 7pm.

It was due to take place at Gobowen Working Men's Club but has been moved to its new venue The Oswestrian in Oswestry. There will be a concert, disco and raffle and tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children.

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Recipient thought award a wind-up

AN Oswestry man, whose first reaction to receiving a letter informing him he was to receive an award in the Queen's Birthday Honours was to throw it in the bin, has now received the honour.

Barry Ryan thought his mates were 'winding him up' when the letter arrived in May. It wasn't until he got a call from a secretary at the Cabinet a few days later, that he realised the letter offering him a British Empire Medal was genuine.

Mr Ryan, a retired Walford and North Shropshire College caretaker, received the BEM from the Queen's representative in Shropshire Lord Lieutenant Algernon Heber-Percy during a ceremony at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry.

The 66-year-old said: "I thought my mates were winding me up, when I received the letter in May this year.

"I showed the letter to the wife and we had a good laugh, then I ripped it up and threw it in the bin. I still can't believe it."

Mr Ryan was nominated for the award by Dave Candlin, estates manager at the college. Mr Ryan and his wife Yolande will be attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace next year to celebrate his achievement.

Foodbank's larder receives harvest boost from pupils

by Iain St John

PUPILS from Oswestry School's prep department have boosted the larder of the town's foodbank by donating goods from their harvest festival celebrations.

Bellan House is a long-time supporter of the foodbank which provides meals for needy people in the Oswestry and borders area.

Children from the school took in a variety of food for their recent harvest service which was then passed on to the foodbank to be distributed locally.

"We were extremely pleased with the kindness and generosity of our Bellan House parents who provided a large amount of items for what is an extremely important cause," said Oswestry School headmaster Douglas Robb.

Pupils Ashley Lall and Ben Tidridge look forward to the Bellan House harvest.

"The school has strong links with the foodbank and it is always a pleasure to support the organisation which is a lifeline for many people in and around Oswestry."

Foodbank vouchers are issued to people after they have been identified by care professionals like doctors, health visitors and the police as needing help.

The voucher is then taken to the foodbank centre where it is redeemed for three days' emergency food and help is given to point people in the right direction to try to help solve the longer-term problem.

The foodbank service was set up by members of Churches Together Oswestry District to help stop people in the town going hungry during the credit crunch.

Food parcels are given to those on a low income, in debt, have had benefit changes or benefit delays. In the last week the service has seen its shelves starting to bulge with donated items from harvest festivals.

The amount of food donated from harvest services at churches and schools is 970 kg, and organisers expect this to eventually reach more than one ton. The foodbank has provided three days worth of food to more than 600 people since it started in 2011.

Oswestry School prep department pupils Connie Garvey and Will Lowry prepare for the harvest celebration.

Gateways to town in need of a revamp

TRADERS in Oswestry are calling for one of the main routes into the town to be made more attractive to passing motorists in the hope that they will decide to pay a visit.

At a meeting on Wednesday, Oswestry Chamber of Commerce will discuss ways to spruce up the Mile End entrance to tempt people driving past on the main A5.

Chairman Martin Anderson, said groups and individuals have been debating the topic among themselves.

He said: "We want to pull together all the various discussions and get the right people in one room to have a conversation about it.

"There are huge numbers of people driving past Oswestry on the A5 so we have a big opportunity."

He said suggestions about how to change the town gateway included creating something like the bricks that stand at one of the main routes into Whitchurch.

He also believes Oswestry could make more of its link to war poet Wilfred Owen, who was born in the town.

He said the Footfall group, which turns empty shops into art exhibitions, were among those with ideas.

The gateway discussion will be part of the chamber's meeting at the Wynnstay Hotel on Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm.

Jobs hope as centre marks its first year

OSWESTRY leisure centre is celebrating its first anniversary and bosses say they plan to employ more staff as it expands.

The centre, on Shrewsbury Road, was built to replace the ageing building in College Road and opened on October 1.

Today, 12 months on, it is said to be going from strength to strength with increased membership and an improved fitness suite.

Bosses say they plan to employ six members of staff to help with its soon-to-be-opened cafe.

Jamie Bryant, contact manager for Shropshire Community Leisure Trust, said: "The centre is going from strength to strength and we are developing a relationship with the college and swimming academy."

He said his company is working with Shropshire Council on 'a number of ideas' which are 'still conceptual' for the future of the centre and its grounds.

Since the company took over the leisure centre from Shropshire Council in July, Mr Bryant said 280 more members had signed up, with more joining daily.

Other plans include adult swimming lessons.

Shropshire Councillor Steve Charmley said: "Usage figures at the centre continue to climb. It is very encouraging."

Small stores vital to future of town centre, says trader

THE growth of small independent stores is the key to Oswestry's retail future – that's the view of a trader who has just relocated to new premises in the town.

Mike Coppock says as large chain stores close, smaller traders in the town are 'bucking the trend' despite the tough economic climate. And he is putting his money where his mouth is by taking on a lease for new premises at Old Chapel Court, where he has opened a fair trade clothing and giftware store called Rowanthorn.

by Iain St John

Mr Coppock said: "I really do think small independent traders are a vital key to the future of Oswestry. The larger chains are closing down because they have over-stretched themselves and their management has struggled with the recession.

"The future of Oswestry must be in its small independent traders. They are a huge attraction to visitors.

"Before I moved here I had premises in Beatrice Street.

"I would say about 70 per cent of customers were visitors to the town who told me they were attracted to Oswestry because of the uniqueness of its specialist stops.

"That is why I am confident enough to move to these premises."

Mr Coppock, who is having an opening day celebration on Saturday from 9.30am, said traders still feared the impact of the opening of a new Morrison's supermarket on the Smithfield livestock site.

He said: "We all know about that threat and many of my customers who are visitors to Oswestry have told me about the impact out of town supermarkets have had on their town.

"It is amazing how many times visitors tell me 'Oswestry is like our town before a supermarket came and ruined it'.

"Every trader needs to be aware of the supermarket affect and that is why we must celebrate Oswestry's uniqueness.

"The closure of the large chain stores also affects the independent traders because there are many empty shops."

Testing time for electric blankets

FIREFIGHTERS are holding a free electric blanket testing event on the Shropshire border.

People are being urged to take their electric blankets to Llanfyllin fire station on November 20 from 10am until 1pm.

They will then be tested to see if they are safe to use. If the blankets fail the test then firefighters will offer a free replacement.

Gary Stephens, from Newtown fire station, said faulty blankets are known to cause fires in the home.

"The testing is something we do on an annual basis," he said. "This time of year the blankets are starting to get switched on.

"We have known from the past they have been the source of the property fires."

If people want free home fire safety checks they can call the fire service on 0800 169 1234. Mr Stephens said visits could also be made to organisations such as women's institutes, which meet regularly, to carry out checks there.

Expert in dementia care talk

Carey Bloomer, an expert in dementia care.

AN expert in dementia care has been invited to pass on her knowledge to Oswestry students interested in medical careers.

Carey Bloomer, who is nurse manager at The Uplands at Oxon nursing home in Shrewsbury, will be addressing pupils at Oswestry's Moreton Hall School on November 8.

"I am delighted to have been asked to speak to the girls at Moreton Hall because dementia is an area of medicine which is becoming increasingly important as people are living for far longer," said Mrs Bloomer.

Her expertise led to an invitation to address an international audience in Chicago along with The Uplands managing director Mandy Thorn.

The nursing home is recognised nationally as an exemplar in dementia care. Last year it won a bid from the Strategic Health Authority to create training information for carers of people with dementia and Mrs Bloomer has devised the programme now being rolled out across the Midlands.

NEWS in brief

Poetry book has environment aim

A PUBLISHER near Oswestry has put together a poetry book about the environment.

We're All in This Together has been created by a Pant publisher called Offa's Press.

Editors of the book, Jane Seaborne and Nick Pearson, have toured the West Midlands holding poetry workshops to find authors to help fill its pages. They had about 400 entries which had to be whittled down to fit 60 pages.

Simon Fletcher, Offa's Press manager, has his work featured in the book.

He said: "This is the first anthology of environmental poetry from the West Midlands and features a number of Shropshire poets.

"We are delighted with the outcome and feel sure poetry-lovers in the region are in for a treat.

For more information e-mail Mr Fletcher on *simon fletcher58@gmail.com*

Charity branch to hold autumn fair

THE Oswestry branch of the Macmillan Cancer Support is holding its autumn fair on November 10 in the Memorial Hall.

The event starts at 10am and it will run until lunchtime.

Children from Woodside Primary School Choir will be singing during the morning. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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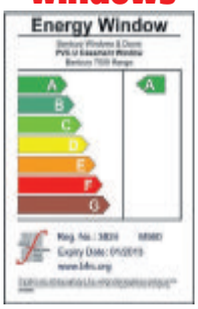

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Wax lyrical about autumn colours

PUBLISHING outfit Offa's Press is running a writing day at Pant, near Oswestry, on Saturday, dedicated to writing about the images of the autumn countryside.

The workshop, led by widely published poets Simon Fletcher and Marion Cockin, will run from 10am to 4pm, at the Memorial Institute, and will include a gentle walk so people are asked to bring suitable clothing and a picnic.

Organisers say the workshop will be ideal for people who enjoy writing about the countryside and the landscape or people who love poetry.

For further details, go to *www.offaspress.co.uk* or call Simon Fletcher on (01691) 831463.

The day will cost £20 or £15 for concessions.

A selection of the day's best work will be published on Offa's website.

Fire crews called to flooded house

FIREFIGHTERS from Oswestry were called out to assist after a house in the town was flooded by a water supply fault which had affected its electrics.

One crew from Oswestry Fire Station attended the property at Malory Road at 12.25am on Friday.

The water and electric supply was isolated and the firefighters assisted with cleaning up the property.

Fifty years of poppy sales

FOR about 50 years Enid Jones has been collecting for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

The appeal raises thousands of pounds a year to help support the Armed Forces and their families.

Poppies are sold from the last week of October until Remembrance Sunday on November 11.

Enid, who is 79 years old, started working for the charity voluntarily when she was about 28 and took over the responsibility from another person in her village of Llangynog.

Over the years her work with the appeal has raised hundreds of pounds and just last year she saw nearly £700 collected from her community.

This month she received a special certificate celebrating her efforts.

She said: "I think it is an important cause. There are a lot of people giving their lives to serve us in the wars."

She said her husband was a member of the Royal British Legion and she is now the treasurer of the group in her village.

Each year she makes sure there are collection pots in the local pub and post office.

"Each year we have about four of five collecting boxes around my village," she said.

Enid has memories of the Second World War.

She said: "I have lived in this village all my life and I went to school here before going to school in Llanfyllin.

"I remember the Second World War. I was a child then. I can remember the evacuees coming to the village and being taken off to different homes from the Merseyside area and Liverpool.

"I made friends with them and some of them actually stayed around here."

She said she was about 12 years old at the time and remembered the blackouts.

"It was a scary time. We weren't allowed to show any light during darkness.

"We had an air raid shelter when I lived in a bungalow. We didn't use it."

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE
with Chrissy Symmons

Her husband, who was 10 years older than her, was in the home guard during the war.

They met because he lived in the same village. They were married for 61 years before he passed away just after the couple's golden anniversary.

She has four children – two boys and two girls – and eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Enid says she enjoys organising things and has worked as a secretary and belongs to a number of village organisations.

This year Enid will be reading at the Remembrance service in the village memorial hall.

Her collections now spread to other villages in the area.

"I think I could have been involved with the poppy appeal for more than 50 years," Enid said. "I am always selling them, every year.

"I will be carrying on with the Poppy appeal."

Enid Jones, 79, from Llangynog, who has been collecting for the Poppy Appeal for 50 years. *Picture: Simon Williams.*

Heritage scheme is welcomed by charity

A NEW plan to protect Wales's heritage has been welcomed by its largest conservation charity.

The potential social, economic and environmental impact of the Welsh Government's Historic Environment Strategy could help heritage bodies drive benefits to communities and businesses across Wales, according to National Trust Wales, which is responsible for many of the nation's historic buildings including Chirk Castle near Oswestry and Powis Castle at Welshpool.

Director of National Trust Wales Justin Albert said: "This strategy is an innovative recognition that the historic environment is no small sector, but one that brings far broader benefits.

"The sector's obvious links to tourism, learning, the development of skills and community work, mean that the success of the historic environment has a huge impact across Wales.

"This strategy is a very positive step towards bringing everyone involved with Wales's historic environment together for the benefit of Wales now, and for future generations."

The new strategy includes programmes to involve communities in archaeology, young people in the environment, and boost traditional skills.

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Leader's new role at school elections

A SCHOOL council election had an extra special returning officer when Shropshire Council leader Keith Barrow agreed to take on the role.

Councillor Barrow formally announced the result of the elections to the school council at Our Lady and St Oswald's Catholic School in Oswestry last Thursday.

Over the past few weeks the young candidates had been honing their messages and canvassing for support.

Each class at the school has two council members who will be involved in a variety of aspects of school life.

Headteacher Veronica McLardie said: "It has been an interesting campaign and given our children a better understanding of elections as well as helped to build their confidence.

"We were delighted that Councillor Barrow was able to join us."

Those elected included Ellie Jones and Sam Sperring from year one, Charlotte Cheatham, Cate Beales and Ben Rothera from year two. and Daisy Whitelam and Andrew Hollywell from year three.

Also voted onto the council was year four's Rhiannon Williams and Thomas Webster, Szymon Sobanski and Saskia Howell from year five and William Davies and Isobel Roberts from year six.

Scheme to build houses in hamlet wins the go-ahead

CONTROVERSIAL housing plans in a hamlet near Oswestry have been given the go-ahead.

The plans for 13 houses, eight of which will be affordable, at Willow Bank, Hengoed, sparked more than a dozen objections.

But they also attracted support, particularly from Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council, whose members said they backed the scheme as long as the affordable homes were first offered to local people.

Bosses at Severnside Housing also offered their support to the plans lodged by applicants Mr and Mrs J McNally.

by Graham Breeze

Shropshire Council has given outline planning permission under delegated powers as long as certain conditions are followed. Among the conditions is that a statement outlining how any great crested newts, a protected species, found at the site will be safeguarded.

Approving the plans the council said: "It is considered that the proposed development is acceptable in terms of its location, scale and means of access.

"Upper Hengoed is identified as part of a community cluster within the preferred options for site allocations which is a currently emerging document as part of the Local Development Framework, and the application is supported by Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council as being in accordance with this designation."

Bosses at Severnside Housing gave their support to the bid by sending a letter to the council. The association's business development manager Helen Pugh said the organisation had been in discussion with the landowner for a considerable period of time.

She added: "Enabling works have already been carried out to establish financial viability of the scheme with capital funding available to finance the build pending finalisation of negotiations."

Objectors had raised various concerns including worries over road safety and fears that the new properties would change the character of the quiet hamlet.

Open evening at pre-school

TREFONEN pre-school near Oswestry will stage an open evening on November 19.

The preschool was founded in 1973 as a playgroup started by local mothers.

For many years it ran out of the Trefonen Village Hall and has now moved to a new purpose-built building within the grounds of Trefonen Primary School.

The open evening will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Pre-school committee chairman June Middleton said: "Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend our open evening.

"Come and look around, meet the staff and committee to see where the children spend many happy hours. Viewing is highly recommended.

"Child care fees start from as little as £3.30 per hour per child.

"For further information on the pre-school as a whole or the after school club, contact (01691) 653512 or 07817 641526."

Anya, 10, joins squash academy

Anya Stojanovic,10, has been spotted as a sporting talent.

A 10-YEAR-old pupil from Oswestry School's prep department has been earmarked as a budding sports after being spotted by top squash coaches.

Anya Stojanovic has been selected to join the England Squash Regional Academy's training programme after taking part in an event at Wolverhampton. Bi-monthly coaching sessions are held at different venues throughout the region.

Anya is in Year 6 at Bellan House and has achieved a great deal of sporting success during her years there.

Oswestry School headmaster Douglas Robb said: "Anya is an all-round sporting talent and we are delighted that her skills on the squash court have been acknowledged at such a high level.

"She has been playing squash with her parents for some time and progressed to junior coaching at Shrewsbury School."

After winning a tournament Anya was recommended by her coaches for the English Squash Regional Academy.

NEWS in brief

Committee keen to find new faces

THE committee behind Llanfair Caereinion Carnival will step down after next year's event.

The committee said it had enjoyed 10 years organising the event, but everybody's personal circumstances had changed and it was no longer possible to continue and new members are being urged to come forward.

Secretary Ceri Stephens said: "We hope that there may be other people who would be interested in forming a new committee, so that the carnival remains an annual tradition." To join call (01938) 810625.

Pair complete gruelling hike

TWO fundraisers have completed a gruelling hike to raise cash for the Red Cross.

Robert Conde, from Oswestry, and his friend Paul Bradshaw, took part in the Lake District 24 peak challenge.

The pair climbed 24 peaks, covering more than 2,400ft in under 24 hours.

The pair completed the challenge in 22 hours 30 minutes, raising a total of £840 for the Red Cross.

Teddy bear talk

MEMBERS of Meifod WI enjoyed a talk about teddy bears at its latest meeting. The group, based near Welshpool, received a talk from collector Rose Foran.

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Students taking on farming challenge

STUDENTS from Walford and North Shropshire College will take part in the Great Farm Challenge 2012 next week.

On November 5, students will learn how to use better farm management to protect the environment and will be challenged to a competition to showcase their ideas.

The event is being run by officials at the Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water and Natural England.

Students will hear from farming advisors and learn about the Catchment Sensitive Farming Project, which offers practical advice on how to reduce water pollution from agriculture.

They will tour a local farm and will be challenged to produce a plan showing how risk to rivers and groundwater can be minimised.

The students who produce the best plans will be invited to present their ideas in December, with the winning group will taking home £300 of Amazon gift vouchers.

Table top event

A TABLE top sale will be held by Welshpool Town Council this month. The November 17 event will be at the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall, between 9am and 1pm. Tables cost £5 each and can be booked by calling (01938) 553142.

I get goose bumps just by thinking about evolution

ON THE WILD SIDE
with Ben Waddams

THERE is a phenomenon in the natural world which is inherently useless, and I use those two words with care. Each one of us experiences it and yet, the features in our bodies that possess it, are of little or no value to us.

And on top of that, its very mention gives creationists, goose bumps (which I take an inkling of pleasure from, I must admit).

The phenomenon is vestigiality and even if we are not familiar with the term, we are all familiar with how it manifests itself within us.

Vestigiality involves those organs or behaviours which, through evolution, have lost all or most of their original functionality. All creatures exhibit it, but we'll stick with humans for now. Indeed, goose bumps are a prime example. Ask yourself, when do I get goose bumps? The answer may well be 'when I'm scared' or 'when I'm cold'.

Stressed

I've certainly experienced my fair share of goose bumps with the drop in temperatures this week, and yet why did I experience them? What function do they serve? The answer is, almost none. However, if you visit a zoo this half term and you spend some time in the monkey or chimp exhibit, you may well see goose bumps in action.

You won't, of course, be looking at bumps on the animals' skin, because they are covered in hair, but you may see the hairs themselves raise a little. This will likely be because the creature is stressed, or cold.

When our ancestors still retained their inherited body hair, the slight raising of those hairs both enabled them to trap warm air between them and the skin and appear bigger if threatened, depending on the situation. Today, with our decreased 'shagginess', goose bumps serve little purpose.

In times gone by, such features as the wisdom teeth and our infamous appendix, were used by our primate ancestors (as they still are today in species of modern primates) as tools to help digest tough cellulose and other plant matter. Now, however, in our evolved state, wisdom teeth and appendixes, are positive liabilities to the health and life of a human being. Some design, eh?

Another famous example is the coccyx, or tailbone. However, here we see something slightly different. Our coccyx is the remnant of a lost tail. How long ago did we lose it? Not very. All of us grow tails (and a full coat of hair), in the womb. Our tails are present for a period of four weeks, (during stages 14 to 22 of human embryogenesis). But why don't we keep them? And what about the other great apes?

Us apes can also be described as 'ripe-fruit-specialists'. It's a long story, but among our monkey ancestors, there were those that could digest unripe fruit and those that could digest ripe fruit.

The former remained high in the trees, running along the branches and using their tails for balance, whilst the latter swung from the branches lower down and foraged on the floor where a tail was at best useless, at worst, a hindrance.

Over time we lost our tails, receding as they did into the collection of vertebrae we have today. But why keep even those? Because they act now only as an attachment point for your bottom muscles, which explains why they have not degraded further.

Food for thought, I hope you'll agree. And on that note, I think I'll stand up from my chair and go and get some fruit from the kitchen.

See a collection of Ben's new originals at The Willow Gallery, Oswestry.

Itchy spot – olive baboon, **in pen and ink, by Ben Waddams.**

Rotarians launching heart-felt campaign

A CAMPAIGN inspired by former Premier League footballer Fabrice Muamba has been launched in a town in Shropshire to buy potential life-saving defibrillators to help people in emergency situations.

The Rotary Club of Ellesmere wants to provide two automated external defibrillators to safeguard the lives of residents and visitors.

The devices will be located in the town centre and by the Boathouse restaurant at the Mere.

The club is arranging for West Midlands Ambulance Service to provide training on how to use the equipment to all interested members of the public on November 25 in Ellesmere Town Hall from 1pm.

Rotarians have now joined communities in the Clun Valley and Myddle in purchasing the equipment.

On March 17 Mr Muamba suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed while playing for Bolton Wanderers against T

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Devastating rail smash recalled

One of the damaged carriages on the Cosford to Chester train at Baschurch station.

The Cosford to Chester train collided with a freight train.

Smoke rises from the crash scene at Baschurch.

Firefighters tackle the blaze after the collision.

CHRONICLE reader Brian Rowe revived memories of a devastating rail crash which happened at Baschurch in 1961 when he brought pictures of the tragedy to our office.

by Graham Breeze

Mr Rowe is a railway enthusiast and a member of the Cambrian Railway Society.

The accident happened at 7.45pm on February 13, 1961, when the 5.16pm Cosford to Chester Down express passenger train collided at speed with a stationary freight train. The driver and fireman of the passenger train, and one of the storesmen were killed in the crash.

The driver, fireman and guard of the freight train, the guard of the passenger train, and two of the 22 passengers were injured.

Reports at the time said the freight train had been backed into a refuge siding for the passenger train to pass but was not completely in the siding when the collision occurred.

The engine of the passenger train turned over, and the leading vehicle, a stores van, was thrown on top of it. The van caught fire and the fire spread to the first passenger coach.

The up and down lines were blocked until 1.30pm the following afternoon.

Reports at the time read: "The 6.37pm Wellington to Chester Down express passenger train had been accepted by the signalman at Baschurch under the warning arrangement, which was permissible.

"But he cleared the signals for it when the 6.25pm Coton Hill to Saltney Down unfitted freight train, which had been shunted into the refuge siding for the passenger train to go ahead, was still partially obstructing the main line.

"The passenger train struck the leading vehicle of the freight train a glancing blow and then the rear end of the freight engine tender, and overturned on to the up line between the platforms. The leading vehicle of the passenger train was a van carrying railway stores in which two storesmen were travelling, and it was thrown forward on to the Up platform alongside the engine."

One of the victims, railway storesman, Mr CC McLean, had volunteered for duty on the passenger train as cover for a sick colleague.

Baschurch Station closed to passengers in September 1960 and to goods in July 1965.

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Programme of contrasts staged at town church

by Richard Duncan

A JOINT production by Shropshire Music Trust and Oswestry School Recital Series brought together the City of London Sinfonia with the Katona Twins, a guitar duo, on Saturday in Oswestry's Holy Trinity Church.

In a programme of contrasts, the Sinfonia presented Mozart's well-known Divertimento K136 and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, two works played with attention to detail in dynamic and articulation.

Director Alexandra Wood led a performance at times virtuosic and yet always warm and aware of the innate drama of the music.

The heart of this concert was the appearance of the Katona Twins, Peter and Zoltan Katona who have been playing as a guitar duo since their early teens in Hungary. The twins perform as one with a unity and sense of purpose stroking the guitar into gentle life and producing astonishing percussive effects.

Their second work was extracts a suite by Manuel de Falla, transcribed for guitars.

The Fire Dance was particularly gripping with the wild gypsy influence never far from the surface.

The next Music Trust concert is on November 14 with Jacqui Dankworth in St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury.

Rehearsals for concert

OSWESTRY choir, Cantiones, and Oswestry Sinfonia are busy rehearsing for their joint concert Christmas by Candlelight on December 8, in Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry.

Organisers say It promises to be a 'wonderful evening of music', with the two groups performing together and alone.

Beautiful beads display

A SPECIAL Bead by Bead exhibition of innovative beaded jewellery by Brenda Day is being exhibited at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry until November 17. Taking a look at a dragon necklace is Felicity Woods, assistant gallery manager. ***Picture: Simon Williams.***

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Another week of entertainment ahead

GIG GUIDE with Chrissy Symmons

THERE'S another week of live music and entertainment set to take place in Oswestry, Welshpool and the surrounding areas.

Tonight (Thursday) at The Ironworks, in Oswestry, Kinokulture is inviting people along for a rare screening of a film called Practical Electonica by the multimedia artist Ian Helliwell.

He has used archive footage, stills, animation and experimental video techniques for it.

After the screening people are invited to take part in a director's question and answer session and during the evening there will be music provided by the People's Vinyl Collective.

Doors open at 8pm and people are invited to visit the downstairs bar first for pre-event drinks.

Tickets cost £5 and can be booked by calling (01691) 679123.

Tomorrow (Friday) there will be live music in a village pub near Welshpool. Neutrix will be performing live at Lowfield Inn, in Marton.

It is an acoustic duo from the Shrewsbury area consisting of Clive Butterworth and Amy Hughes.

They perform a range of music for people to sit and listen to. The gig will start at 8pm and will be a free event.

There's the usual night of live music to look forward to at The Royal Oak Hotel in Welshpool on Friday night when back by popular demand will be Beth Prior with supporting acts. Tickets are also selling well for Saturday, October 10 when Andy Wood will be taking his Tom Jones tribute act to the Oak.

On Saturday night in Ceiriog Centenary Hall, in Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, there will be music from Wales renowned Celtic band Jamie Smith's Mabon.

The band is on a Windblower Tour and has been building a fine reputation with its audiences.Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children under 11 years old.

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Neutrix will be performing at the Lowfield Inn.

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Store with all things Welsh set to expand

ONE of England's only Welsh shops is set to expand into bigger premises after a boom in business – less than two years after it opened.

Siop Cwlwm is set to move into a larger unit at Oswestry's Powis Market Hall to accommodate more stock. Owner Lowri Roberts, who runs the shop with her mum Linda, said people had travelled from as far afield as Birmingham to visit the shop in recent weeks.

It is hoped the new unit next to the market hall's cafe will open on Saturday.

The two ladies started trading in July 2010 and moved into the market hall two months later. They sell Welsh books, music, greetings cards, gifts and clothes, and also hold regular talking groups for people to brush up on their Welsh.

Miss Roberts said: "We are the only Welsh shop in Shropshire and I think in England. We have started to see more and more people coming to see our shop and are sales have gone up.

"We wanted to get more stock for the shop and display our existing things better. We are excited about expanding. It is a great success story.

"I would like to say thank you to the customers for their support because without it we wouldn't have been able to expand."

Welshpool livestock market

Monday, October 29

OTMS (69)

An entry of 69 over thirty month cattle sold to average 114ppkg for the 46 cows, 127ppkg for the 4 bulls, 141ppkg & 152ppkg for the 19 under 72 month old heifers and steers. Top price of the day for an older cow was £1118.88 for a British Blue cow weighing 777kg from GJ & DM Breeze Red House. JM & S Rowlands Dolwen sold a Limousin cow weighing 684kg for £1032.84. GJ & DM Breeze Red House receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (14)

14 fat cattle sold to average 191ppkg for the steers and 194ppkg for the heifers. JM & S Rowlands Dolwen presented three heifers to a top price of 228ppkg, 222ppkg and 221ppkg. Jones Ystradolwyn sold three steers to 212ppkg, 211ppkg and 190ppkg. JM & S Rowlands Dolwen receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday at approximately12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME LAMBS (4572)

An entry of 4572 Prime lambs, selling to an overall average of 146ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (253) to 145ppkg from R E Roberts Bodyddon Isaf. Others to 142ppkg from R G Lewis Ty Gwyn. Average of 128ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1028) to 161ppkg from E A Rees & Co Borfa Newydd. Others to 159ppkg from NG & GG Davies Trawsgelli. Average of 144ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (2019) to 175ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 158ppkg from ER & GT Matthews & Son Killowent. Average of 148ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (1019) to 162ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 136ppkg from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Average of 131ppkg.

CULL EWE (2473)

An entry of 2473 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £44.61 for the ewes and £72.91 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £90 per head from A G Williams & Son Plassau Farm. Top price for the cull rams was £138 per head from R L & M E Jukes Tynybryn. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS & IN LAMB EWES

An entry of 990 store lambs averaging £41. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £58 fro C W Smith & Co Cil Meri. Mixed and Clean lambs achieving a top price of £61 fro Cefncoed Farms. Wether lambs achieving £50 from RH & ME Lewis Brynhoveth. Tup Lambs achieving a top price of £92 from F J Jones Bryncwmnant. An entry of 694 store ewes. Three year old ewes achieving a top price of £98. As found ewes achieving £70 from P Jones & Son Dolgwenith. Ewes lambs achieving a top price of £98 from E L Evans & Co Green Farm for Texelx Beulah ewe lambs.

COWS & CALVES

With the breeding sheep sales coming to an end there where more buyers around the ring which resulted in a better trade than recent sales. RE & CJ Davies Boycott Hall sold 6 1st Calvers with Limousin calves to a top price of £1850 averaging £1703. Two British Bluex cows with Limousin calves at foot from M E Hughes & Son Caerlloi sold for £1700 and £1500. D Griffiths Cwmbyr sold a British Bluex cow with a Limousin bull calf for £1690. Presented by J L Evans & Son Blaenbythigion was an Aberdeen Angusx cow with a Charolais Bull calf which made £1480. A breakdown of the prices achieved where as follows: £1800 + 1 lot, £1600 - £1800 7 lots, £1400 - £1600 4 lots, £1200 - £1400 3 lots, less than £1200 7 lots.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Saturday 3rd November, Sale of Pedigree In Lamb British Berrichon & Charollais Ewes.

Thursday 8th November, Sale of Pedigree Charolais Cattle.

Monday 12th November, Sale of Organic & Conventional Store Cattle & Cows and Calves.

Monday 19th November, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 20th November, November sale of Store Cattle.

Monday 26th November, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 3rd December, Christmas Fat Stock & Dairy Cows Show and Sale.

Monday 10th December, Store Cattle & Cows and Calves.

Monday 17th December, Sale of Pedigree In Lamb Texel Ewes & Dairy Cattle.

Oswestry cattle auctions

October 24

FAT CATTLE: (72)

A few less cattle forward selling to a slightly firmer trade but a very mixy show on offer. Top slots hit 236p for Steers, 219p for Heifers and 209p for Bulls. Highest price in the lump was £1500 for a Steer. Bottom book was 103p for a plain friesian bull. An overall market average of 173.5p was achieved.

Young Bulls (32) Overall Average 167p.

Light Bulls (7) Average 162p (£715/head) Selling to 191p from N E & F Barratt Morton Hall Farm

Medium Bulls (12) Average 176.5p (£915/head) Selling to 209p from VAS & SM Corbett Gortheur

Heavy Bulls (13) Average 161.5p (£1040/head) Selling to 205p from VAS & SM Corbett Gortheur

Steers (20) Overall Average 172.5p.

Medium Steers (3) Average 187.5p (£990/head) Selling to 202p from E Davies Tynrhos

Heavy Steers (17) Average 170.5p (£1090/head) Selling to 236p from Neuaddgoch Farms

Heifers (20) Overall Average 186p

Medium Heifers (7) Average 180.5p (£830/head) Selling to 218p from W Hughes & Son Waen Farm

Heavy Heifers (13) Average 188p (£1050/head) Selling to 219p from W Hughes & Son Waen Farm

A shortage of smart handyweight butchers cattle in the Bulls and Clean. More needed to satisfy demand. Keep the cattle coming and thank you for your support.

FAT LAMBS: (4868)

Lights to 145p average 138p, Standards to 158p average 144p, Mediums to 175p average 153.5p, Heavy's to 171p average 152.5p, Others to 160p average 148p. Overall average 150.5p.

FAT EWES: (750)

Ewes to £87.50 average £34.50, Rams to £75.00, average £41.50

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (59)

A distinct shortage of quality calves with 53% of the entry Friesians. Demand rather subdued except for only a few good continental males. British Blue Bulls topping at £322 from Messrs Edwards Tynewydd £312 from Messrs Owen Tanycoed £285 from Messrs Wilkinson Dyffryn £274 from Messrs Evans Dolobran Hall. Hereford Bulls to £260 from Messrs Holland Ashes Farm. Limousin Bulls to £250 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney. Limousin Heifers to £222 £214 £200 from Messrs Roberts Pentre David. British Blue Heifers to £196 from Messrs Edwards Tynewydd. Friesian Bulls to £102 from Messrs Edwards lower Sweeney £88 & £80 from Messrs Ellis Pentre Wern £84 from Messrs Lammie Kenwick Wood Farm.

Weanlings: Charolais Steers 11mo £420 & £415 Charolais Heifers 12mo £382 Friesian Steers 12mo £235 from Messrs Davies Maesyneuadd

STORE CATTLE: (203)

A larger entry met with a slightly faster trade than that seen last week. Top price of the day went to a pair of Simmental x heifers aged 18-19 months sold by J E & M G Evans, Bagley for £1270 (187p/kg).

127 steers averaged £856/head (189p/kg) with notable prices including:

C E & G J Roberts, Llanrhaeadr topped an excellent run of weanlings with 6 month old Limousin x steers selling for £790 (232p/kg), £770 (226p/kg) & £650 (216p/kg).

£840 (233p/kg) for a British Blue x steer and £815 (226p/kg) for a Limousin x steer both aged 12 months from H E & M L Evans, Rhydycroesau.

£520 (221p/kg) paid for a pair of Charolais x steers aged 7 months sold by J E M Savage, Loppington.

73 heifers averaged £750 (188p/kg) with notable prices including:

H E & M L Evans, Rhydycroesau sold a Limousin x heifer aged 14 months for £780 (217p/kg).

W E Owen, Llanyblodwel topped an excellent run of Charolais x heifers with 6 aged 18-20 months selling for £820 (195p/kg) and 3 aged 15-18 months selling for £730 (196/kg).

£1080 (199p/kg) paid for 6 Limousin x & British Blue x heifers aged 18-19 months sold by S Hudson, Lower Frankton.

A small entry of Store Bulls included a good run of British Blue x bulls from D D & M Williams, Llanyblodwel with 3 aged 8-10 months selling for £520 (223p/kg) and 3 aged 7-9 months selling for £520 (244p/kg).

Our next catalogued sale will be held on the 31st October with entries invited for the sale on November 14.

U72 & CULL COWS: (57)

An entry of 57 cattle met with a similar trade throughout. Top price Cow £166p/kg, Heifers 169p/kg and Steers 192p/kg

Cows

Limousin to 166p average 125.32p/kg

Friesian to 127p average 91.46p/kg

Belgian Blue to 135p average 118.73p/kg

Heifers to 169p average 143.42p/kg

Steers to 192p average 146.42p/kg

Bull

Friesian to 108p average 100.92p/kg

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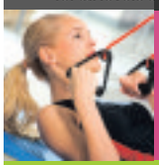

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In the driving seat with award-winner

WHEN leading motoring publication Auto Express named the SEAT Alhambra as the best MPV for the second year running I decided it was time to take another look.

Alhambra's ever swelling trophy cabinet includes awards from most of the country's leading motoring magazines and web sites, and it is easy to see why.

SEAT have been playing catch-up in this segment but it looks like they have caught up and left a few competitors lagging behind.

DRIVE TIME with Graham Breeze

The Alhambra is as flexible as it gets with easily folding rear seats, leaving a cavernous interior big enough to carry just about anything you would need.

Wide sliding electrically-operated rear doors are becoming the norm in this sector and mean access is simple and there's seating for seven in comfort, though the rear seats are better suited for the youngsters of the family.

The standard equipment list is generous: entry-level S models include 16in alloy wheels, three-zone climate control, Bluetooth hands-free phone operation with voice control, and a cooled glove box.

Every Alhambra comes with fuel-saving Ecomotive Technology as standard, including Start/Stop engine shut-off and an Energy Recovery System.

Efficient

The Alhambra range is powered by a line-up of highly efficient petrol and diesel engines, comprising a 1.4-litre TSI petrol unit with 150PS (148 bhp), and a 2.0-litre TDI common rail diesel with outputs stretching from 115PS (113 bhp) to 170PS (168 bhp).

Fuel consumption is especially low, with combined economy figures ranging from 37.2mpg to 50.4mpg, and CO2 emissions from 146g/km to 178g/km. All engines are available with either a six-speed manual transmission or a twin-clutch DSG automatic.

On test was the SE 2.0 TDi CR complete with Ecomotive technology, just under 50 miles to the gallon, a top speed of 119mph and 0-62mph in 10.9seconds.

Auto Express named the Alhambra best MPV for the second year running

"This is an ideal family vehicle with huge levels of storage capabilities"

The flexible SEAT Alhambra has easily folding seats which create lots of space

The standard equipment is enormous with Bluetooth technology, dark-tinted rear windows, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, a multi-function display, eight-speaker MP3-compatible with CD ad AM/FM radio, front and rear parking sensors and 17in alloy wheels.

The Alhambra is safe too. There's remote central locking with deadlocks, electronic engine immobiliser, ESP and EBA, driver and front seat passenger airbags, front and side airbags and front and rear parking sensors.

This is an ideal family vehicle with huge levels of storage capabilities including stowage compartments just about everywhere you look.

SEAT prices have always been one of their biggest attractions and although the Alhambra on test retails at just over £28,000 it is still competitive in the MPV sector.

Delivery does include 12 months road tax, a three-year/60,000 miles mechanical warranty, 12-year body warranty and two-year SEAT service mobility valid in over 30 countries in Europe.

The test car also included a brilliant media system with rear view camera and a Panorama pack which included glass sunroof with electrically opening front pane and sunshade and 17in 'Kosta' alloys.

If it's practicality you're looking for, this SEAT is the full picture, which explains just why the awards are flying in its direction.

Inside the new Alhambra

BUMPER TO BUMPER

SEAT Alhambra
Model: SE 2.0 litre Tdi CR 140PS
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Chevrolet makes Trax with new SUV

The Chevrolet Trax – a compact crossover at a reasonable price

The driving position is excellent, as is the view from the comfortable cabin

If there's a market niche that has yet to be explored, you can bet your bottom dollar that there are marketing people looking at a flow chart right now, trying to work out what it is and how to make something to fit into it.

It's a remarkable sign of the times that we can be sold something we didn't know we needed in the first place – but then the way segment-busting crossover cars have taken off suggests we like the idea of a car that is just for us.

And if giving people what they want is the shortcut to success, then Chevrolet has been following it to the letter in recent years.

Once seen as something of a bit player in the UK, the European arm of the General Motors giant has been rapidly rolling out successive models and broadening its portfolio to the point where there is something for everyone with a reasonable price tag as standard.

Now Chevrolet is breaking into new territory with the Trax, a compact SUV crossover that sits somewhere between conventional small SUVs, MPVs and hatchbacks.

Chevrolet says it doesn't have a direct rival but rather a number of competitors from different sectors, and on closer examination you can see where they're coming from.

It's certainly a chunky beast, with the stance and presence of an

By Matt Joy

SUV, but at only 4.2m in length, it is only 20cm longer than an Aveo supermini, giving it the kind of looks and feel of a proper 4x4 but enough manoueverability to be a car you can take anywhere.

It's definitely worth ensuring you have the larger 17in wheel option to make the most of the looks.

Compact

And, of course, to appeal to SUV buyers, it has to have the high-set driving position, and despite being unquestionably a compact car, the Trax firmly ticks that box.

In fact, the cabin is one of the Trax's best features: the driving position is very good, the view out is just as you would want it with plenty of light coming in and the space on offer is particularly impressive.

Up front there is generous head and legroom and the back seats are perfectly suited to carrying adults – so the kids will love them.

There's a sizeable boot too, with 358 litres seats up and 1,370 folded down.

Even better is the way the cabin all fits together. Climb inside and it has a premium appearance, certainly a step above what you'd expect given the price tag.

The materials themselves are hardy and well constructed rather than luxurious, but it's hard not to be impressed by the way it looks.

It's helped a great deal by the My Link system, which brings a large touchscreen on to the centre console. It responds accurately to inputs and with downloadable apps to cover everything from music to navigation and social networking, it has virtually limitless possibilities and gives the Trax a big advantage over its rivals.

Underneath the Trax's skin there is a choice of 1.4-litre turbocharged and 1.6-litre naturally aspirated petrols and a 1.7-litre diesel, with all bar the 1.6-litre base engine available with four-wheel drive.

From behind the wheel, the 1.4-litre turbo is the pick of the bunch, as it manages to combine brisk acceleration and generous torque with respectable economy and emissions performance.

The 1.4-litre is more than acceptably quiet right from start up, and the six-speed manual gearbox fitted as standard has a fuss-free, smooth shift action.

Although small in capacity, the 1.4-litre turbo offers a strong 147lb.ft of torque, allowing you to get rolling easily and make short work of staying in the flow of traffic.

And although wind noise picks up a little at higher motorway speeds, overall refinement is good too, creating a relaxing environment for passengers.

The Trax is clearly designed to be practical and comfortable first and foremost, and as a result the suspension is set up to deliver a unflustered ride.

Even with the larger 17in wheels, it manages to deal with the majority of road imperfections, and even the big holes don't spoil the ride to any great extent.

Should you choose to push the Trax on a back road, it will play along happily, and it resists significant body roll with impressive ease.

Chevrolet makes a strong case for the Trax, as it packs so many features that buyers are looking for into a compact and good-value package.

BUMPER TO BUMPER

Chevrolet Trax 1.4 LS)
Engine: 1.4-litre petrol producing 138bhp and 147lb.ft of torque
Transmission: Six-speed manual driving all four wheels
Performance: Top speed 121mph, 0-62mph in 9.8 seconds
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Emissions: 149g/km of CO2
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The new Corsa 1.3 CDTi EcoFlex will be greener than any Vauxhall apart from the Ampera

Vauxhall feels green pride as Corsa emissions drop

Vauxhall has announced a new variant of the Corsa with lower CO2 emissions than any production by the company except the Ampera.

Producing just 88g/km of carbon dioxide in three-door form, the latest Corsa 1.3 CDTi EcoFlex's figures are 26 per cent lower than those of the first Corsa EcoFlex five years ago.

Peak combined fuel consumption for the new model is 85.6mpg, again for the lighter three-door model.

A five-door version is available with efficiency statistics of 89g/km and 83.1mpg.

The three-door represents a 6g/km and 2.4mpg improvement over the 2011 version of the same car.

All the improvements have come through small upgrades within the engine circuit.

Power and torque from the diesel engine stand at 94bhp and 140lb/ft, the latter of which is available in the ideal rev range, from 1,750 to 3,250rpm.

Top speed is 109mph and 0-62mph takes 12.3 seconds.

The wider Corsa range should now benefit from a more comfortable ride at low speeds, especially around town.

The suspension and damping characteristics have been altered to increase the car's appeal in its natural environment.

All models are available to order now.

Volvo takes a fresh look at groundbreaking V40s

Prices for the Volvo V40 start at £22,295 and are available for delivery from next January

Volvo Car UK has announced the pricing of the all-new Volvo V40 R-Design and Volvo V40 Cross Country.

Starting from £22,295 and £22,595 respectively, Volvo is now able to offer both a more sports inspired and a more rugged looking take on the V40.

The V40 R-Design has taken cues from its R-Design stablemates in the rest of the range, with a re-profiled front bumper and rear diffuser, five-spoke 17" Ixion wheels, silver matt door mirrors, unique R-Design embossed nubuck upholstery, sports floor mats, sports steering wheel and pedals.

In addition to this, as standard, the V40 R-Design benefits from a TFT crystal display screen with unique blue colouring, illuminated gear-knob, unique R-Design aluminium trim and vertical LED day-running lights.

Those wanting the ultimate in sports luxury can upgrade to the R-Design Lux, complementing the standard specification with active bending xenon headlights with cleaning system, rain sensor, leather-faced R-Design embossed seats, cruise control, keyless start and rear theatre lighting.

The V40 R-Design is available in the striking launch colour, Rebel Blue, unique to R-Design, along with six other colours.

Prices start from £22,295 for the D2 R-Design, still benefiting from class leading CO2 emissions of 94g/km, up to the T5 Geartronic R-Design Lux Nav, available from £31,390.

The V40 Cross Country is Volvo's answer to those customers that want a small 5-door hatchback but with a more "off-road" and rugged look. As standard, the Cross Country SE is offered with autofolding door mirrors with ground lights and black mirror covers, 16" alloy wheels, rain sensor, textile/T-Tec upholstery, tread plates and silver roof rails.

The Cross Country can be further enhanced by specifying the Cross Country Lux version. This includes the ample specification of the SE, plus leather-faced upholstery, active bending xenon headlights, 17" alloy wheels, LED day-running lights, rear reading and theatre lighting.

The V40 Cross Country is available from £22,595 for the D2 Cross Country SE, up to the T5 Geartronic Cross Country Lux Nav with All-Wheel Drive, from £33,875.

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SPORT

Cefn extend winning run by thrashing Corwen 5-0

IN the latest set of fixtures in the Malcolm Lewis Developments Oswestry Snooker League, unbeaten Cefn extended their run with a 5-0 thumping of Corwen.

Steve Daniels and Matthew Roberts were unbeaten.

Ellesmere A kept are still only one behind after they were 5-0 winners against former champions Ex Servicemens E. Bobby Dubicki top scored in his 106 – 20 thumping of the 'on loan' Rich Judas Jones.

In third place are newly promoted Ex Servicemens C who this week won 4-1 at Llangollen.

In other matches Ex Servicemens A bt Rhos away 3 – 2 with Ian Jones top scoring for the visitors. Glyn Ceiriog A beat Flexsys A 3 -2 with Ali Davies, Daf Edwards and Ian Morris all in good form.

In Division 2 leaders Criftins won again this time 4 – 1 away at Llanrhaedr A.

Second placed Llanrhaedr B went away to Ellesmere B and won 4 – 1. Four Crosses moved into third with a 3 – 2 win over Flexsys B.

Morda, one place back are in great shape after they won 4 – 1 at home to Llangynog.

Result of the week has to be Iftons who thumped Ex Servicemens B 5 – 0.

Malcolm Lewis Oswestry Snooker League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Cefn RBL	4	4	0	17	3	17
Ellesmere A	4	3	1	16	4	16
Ex Serv C	4	3	1	12	8	12
Flexsys A	4	2	2	10	10	10
Ex Serv A	4	2	2	9	11	9
Llan Rafa A	3	2	1	7	8	7
Ex Serv E	3	1	2	6	9	6
Rhos Snooker Club	3	0	3	6	9	6
Corwen	3	1	2	5	10	5
Glyn Cerriog A	3	1	2	5	10	5
Ex Serv D	3	0	3	2	13	2

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Criftins	4	4	0	16	4	16
Llanrhaeadr B	4	3	1	15	5	15
Four Crosses	4	4	0	14	6	14
Morda	3	3	0	13	2	13
Ifton	4	2	2	11	9	11
Glyn Cerriog B	3	2	1	8	7	8
Llanrhaeadr A	4	1	3	7	13	7
Ellesmere B	3	0	3	5	10	5
Ex Serv B	4	1	3	4	16	4
Flexys B	3	0	3	4	11	4
Llangynog	4	0	4	3	17	3

PLACINGS

Wheatland Indoor Cricket League

Division one: Alberbury 73-5 (M Jones 30 no, A Williams 2-14), Grasshoppers 74-0 (D Bullock 28 no). Grasshoppers won by 6 wickets Condover 79-5 (E Elliot 11, M Frost 2-21), Shifnal 80-1 (C Miller 21, J Edwards 26 no). Shifnal won by 5 wickets. Cound 113-1 (G Trow 25 no, J Case 25 no, F Younger-Waters 18 no), Shelton 114-2 (J Wear 26 no, M Davies 25 no, D Burnside 16 no). Shelton won by 4 wickets.

Division two: Cae Glas 66 (M Jones 20, M Ball 4-8), Willey 67-0 (M Brown 25 no, S Walters 21 no). Willey won by 6 wickets. Beacon 104-2 (S Thornley 25 no, M Higgins 26 no, Jim Yapp 15 no), Grove 86 (I Shakeshaft 48, A Phillips 2-27, M Clayton 2-23). Beacon won by 18 runs. Bomere Heath 116-4 (S Simpson 42 no,I Gillespie 21), Church Stretton 80-5 (D Gwilliam 10 no, D Langton 2-17). Bomere Heath won by 36 runs.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cound	2	1	0	1	6
Shelton	2	1	0	1	6
Shifnal	2	1	0	1	6
Condover	2	1	0	1	6
Alberbury	2	1	0	1	6
Grasshoppers	2	1	0	1	6

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Willey	2	2	0	0	12
Bomere Heath	2	2	0	0	12
Church Stretton	2	1	0	1	6
Beacon	2	1	0	1	6
Grove	2	0	0	2	0
Cae Glas	2	0	0	2	0

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Cross Keys	5	2	0	19	11	7
White Lion	5	2	0	19	11	7
Black Lion A	5	3	1	17	13	7
Bell	5	2	1	18	12	6
Station	5	1	0	18	12	6
Horseshoe	5	2	1	17	13	6
Penybont Inn	5	2	1	17	13	6
Top White Lion	5	2	1	16	14	6
Plas Yn Dinas	4	2	1	14	10	5
Black Horse	5	1	1	14	16	5
Black Lion B	5	2	3	13	17	4
Railway Inn	5	0	2	12	18	3
Plough	4	0	4	4	20	0
Royal Hill	5	0	5	6	24	0

Black Lion A 3, Station 3; Horseshoe 5, Royal Hill 1; Top White Lion 2, Plas Yn Dinas 4; Bell 5, Black Lion B 1; Railway 3, White Lion 3; Black Horse 3, Cross Keys 3; Plough 1, Penybont 5.

Shropshire Chess League

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Oswestry A	4	2	0	10	6	6
Newport D	3	2	0	8.5	3.5	5
Shrewsbury C	3	1	0	8	4	4
Wellington B	3	1	0	6.5	5.5	4
Shifnal & Telford D	4	0	2	5.5	10.5	2
Newport C	3	0	1	5	7	2
Telepost D	3	0	1	4	8	2
Oswestry B	3	0	2	4.5	7.5	1

Winners Mark Evans and Emma Hopton celebrate with other Criftins Club members

Competition proves to be a great end to the season

The annual Criftins Tennis Club Brooklands Cup, which was presented to the club in the late 1970's by Frank and Elizabeth Hickson, was a very well attended event this year with nine mixed pairs taking part in the final event of the summer.

The nine pairs were divided into two American round robin groups, with individual scores deciding the winners.

Each match consisted of just four games with each participant playing with their partner for two games and then against.

A final between the top two men and ladies would then take place.

Group A with four pairs saw Mark Evans the best man on 10 /12 games, and a tie in the ladies between Rose Dorse and Liz McBrien on seven games. As Rose had a maximum four from one of her matches, she went through.

Group B with five pairs saw Emma Hopton win the ladies section with a very good score of 13 /16 games, and junior Jonathan Dyke come through impressively with 10 / 16 in the men's section.

In the final which was a four game affair as in the round robin, Mark proved too strong for Jonathan taking all four of his games, whilst Emma and Rose shared the games 2-2.

Because of her strong performance in the round robin in gaining 13 games Emma took the Ladies title. The event proved to be a great end to a successful summer season.

Oak unlock defence of Keys to get three points

The Keys 2 Oak Inn 3

ROCHE North Shropshire league leaders The Keys were beaten 3-2 at home to an improving Oak Inn side.

Todd Roberts gave the Oak a 12th minute lead but Craig Sudlow equalised on 20 minutes. Alex Gunn restored the Oak Inn lead and Dave Hartshorn then flicked home to make it 3-1.

Brian Wood pulled one back for the Keys with a cross cum-shot and then the home keeper Carl Edwards denied Gunn with a fine save. Gunn also hit the crossbar with a fierce shot.

Black Lion Colts 1 Cross Foxes 9

Adam Herbert got the Foxes off to a flying start scoring after just six minutes. This was a sign of things to come as the Foxes scored another eight goals in the 9-1 thrashing of Black Lion.

Ben Pierpoint made it 2-0 on 13 minutes and Herbert was again on target two minutes late to make it 3-1.

Gareth Morgan pulled one back for the Colts before Mike Lloyd and Carl Harris made it 5-1 by the break.

Substitute Joe Pierpoint and Harris with his second made it 7-1 before Herbert completed his hat trick and Mike Jones then completed the rout making it 9-1 in the 78th minutes.

Ironworks 0 Dudleston Heath 14

Dudleston Heath were far too strong for Ironworks rattling home 14 goals without reply. Dave Edge led the way for Heath with five goals.

Connor Pitcher, Andrew Allen, Ben Slawson and Scott Penrose all scored two with Mark Evans getting the other.

Athletico Market 2 Malpas 0

A goal in each half saw Athletico Market beat second placed Malpas 2-0.

Rob Howard gave Market the lead when he headed home a Lee Owen free kick midway through the first half. Sam Evans scored from the edge of the box on 75 minutes to seal the victory.

Fixtures for Sunday, November 4 are: The Plough v Black Lion Colts, Cross Foxes v Ironworks, Oak Inn v Dudleston Heath and Malpas v Oswestry Bell.

Roche North Shropshire Sunday League

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
The Keys	8	5	0	3	11	15
Malpas	7	5	0	2	7	15
Cross Foxes	7	4	2	1	22	14
Athletico Market	8	4	2	2	7	14
Oswestry Bell	5	4	1	0	14	13
Dudleston Heath	6	3	0	3	17	9
The Oak	7	3	0	4	-7	9
Ironworks	7	2	0	5	-28	6
Black Lion Colts	7	1	1	5	-19	4
The Plough	6	0	0	6	-24	0

Racing driver Ben geared up to land highest-ever finish

Legends driver Ben Power

MID WALES racing driver Ben Power will be travelling to to Brands Hatch for the final weekend of his motor sport season hoping to record for his highest-ever finish.

Power, aged 22, from Guilsfield, near Welshpool, lies fourth in the UK Legends Car Championship after the latest round at Pembrey in South Wales.

But he could finish as high as second after the races at the famous Kent circuit.

Championship

"We were very consistent at Pembrey – never outside the top five in the six races through the weekend, but our closest rivals did even better," he said.

"Now it's so tight at the top of the championship that we still have a great chance of finishing third – or even second in the championship. "Whatever happens, we know this will be the best finish in the championship – improving on the sixth place which we managed last year."

The season has seen Power record his first race wins in the hotly-contested Legends series and for a while he was second in the championship behind long-time leader and champion-elect Lawrence Davey, from East Sussex.

Replicas

The final two rounds of the season take place at Brands Hatch on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4.

The UK Legends series visits tracks in England, Wales and Scotland, including famous circuits such as Brands Hatch and Silverstone.

It features top drivers from around the UK and the continent.

Legends racing originated on the US oval tracks, and the cars have an American look, being 5/8-scale replicas of classic US models.

Guttercrest Racing runs a Ford Coupe 1937 replica, with a 1250cc Yamaha motorcycle engine.

Ben Power battling his way through the field in one of his Legends races

Lions take early lead but Castle hit back to level

OSWESTRY Lions were again on their travels as they extended their unbeaten run to six games in the Mercian Regional League division one with a hard-fought 2-2 draw at Bishop's Castle.

Despite carving an early two goal lead, the Lions were pegged back as Castle battled back and in the end Nick Maguire's men were happy to come away with a point.

The visitors started well with chances for Graham Dyke and Ben Williams up front and they were soon ahead when Adam Jones picked the ball up in his own half and beat a couple defenders as he ran down the left and into the box.

Despite Dyke being in a great position, Jones decided to go alone and slotted into the far corner of the net for a second terrific goal in as many weeks.

Another good chance then fell to Tom Steadman who curled one wide from the edge of the box, while Ollie Jones also failed to capitalise in front of goal.

However, the second goal did arrive on 25 minutes with Dyke putting in an excellent cross for Ben Williams to head in from close range to continue his good early season goalscoring form.

Gary Windsor thought he had made it 3-0 when he was quick to react after the Castle keeper spilled a Martin Cheeseman shot, but his effort was conteniously ruled out for offside.

Castle, who have lost just once this season, then started to find a bit more time on the ball late in the first half.

And they managed to pull one back just before half time.

A long ball carried over Broc Dawson in the Lions goal and rebounded off the bar where striker Luke Mellor slotted in.

After the interval the Lions regained their shape for the first 10 minutes.

But all that changed after a sloppy ball in midfield was picked up by the opposition and Mark Griffiths went through to score and level matters.

The visitors suffered another blow moments later when they went down to 10 men for the final half hour after Ollie Jones recieved straight red for retaliation.

Bishop's Castle 2 Oswestry Lions 2

Struggling

The sending off gave Castle a boost and with the extra man they looked the most likely to win.

But as the pressure mounted Lions manager Maguire introduced the fresh legs of Dave O'Hara and Dylan Ellis to try and hold the ball a bit higher up the pitch to try and relieve the pressure.

This did the trick, although Castle had a good chance in the dying seconds with a close range header, but the battling Lions held on for a hard earned point.

With five wins and a draw in their last six outings, the Oswestry side look to continue their good run at home to struggling Madeley Sports on Saturday.

Oswestry make penalty corners count in victory

Aberystwyth Uni 1 Oswestry 2nd 3

THE first away game for Oswestry Hockey Club's second team saw them make the long trip to Aberystwyth.

But not being put off by the welsh weather, Oswestry fought hard to keep out the early chances that Aber created.

With the possession being kept well by the home side Oswestry's only chance of scoring was on the counter attack.

Realising this, Oswestry countered fast and with players flooding forward.

Eventually a well supported attack and great movement from the Oswestry players led to the first penalty corner of the game.

The shot was stopped brilliantly on the line after Jody Wilson's shot had fired past the helpless keeper.

With the scores still at 0-0, it was Oswestry's turn to apply pressure.

And after some great build up play from Dave Prince, Pete Revell and Patrick Gilman, Oswestry soon found themselves setting up for another short corner.

This time there was no stop on the line and Charles Evans scored with a drag flick.

The goal spurred the home side and they applied pressure to the Oswestry defence.

This pressure told as the half time approached and as a Aber ball was fired across the D it hit Oswestry's Aaron Ruffcock before flying into the net.

After the break, Oswestry held Aber off for some time and counter attacked well.

Masterminded

And as in the first half the counter attack strategy paid off as Oswestry were awarded another penalty corner.

The visitors made the most of the penalty corner and it was again converted by Charles Evans.

With their noses in front Oswestry were trying to keep possession to thwart the home side.

And in one move they moved forward and were again awarded a penalty corner.

This time there was a new set up and swap of positions masterminded by Pete Revell.The corner saw Charles Evans stop the ball for Revell to flick the ball home for the third goal.

This was a great performances from the Oswestry team especially as they were thumped 8-2 by the Aberystwyth Uni team-last year. Oswestry 2's are back in action next week against Northop Hall at The Marches School.

Good squad of riders for cyclo-cross league clash

THERE was another good turnout of Mid Shropshire riders who revelled in the mud of the Waldrons Solicitors West Midlands Cyclo-Cross League, hosted by Solihull CC at Elmdon Park.

The popular course, with open grassland and tricky woodland sections, showed a different side as the saturated ground turned toenergy-sapping slippery mud in the round five event.

Many riders opted to run through deeper mud in the woods that in previous years have been ridden, while food bike handling skills became vital as the day progressed as well as fitness.

The Under 10 boys saw Ben Tomlinson come seventh, with Mali Jones making it another third place in the Under 12 Girls.

Three riders in the Under14 boys fought their way through the mud with Adam Aitkins taking eighth,

Alfie Mortimer, despite a fall, taking 18th and Martin Whyatt 26th.

In the close fought Under 16 Boys race, Ewan Grivell-Mellor came fourth andAlex Taylor 15th.

The race was won by Anthony Neave (Stourbridge) and Louis Kilworth (Welland Valley) in a dead heat sprint finish.

This was most unusual as they were both wearing electronic timing chips.

The biggest race (97 riders) was the Senior/Veterans race where Mids rider Andrew Mortimer,

Dad to Alfie, came a hard fought 30th in his category.

The other Veterans race saw 58 riders battling through the sticky mud, with Martin Stephens taking 19th and Dave Mellor 33rd.

Countback needed to get winner

There was a battle royal for the third of the Christmas Competitions at the Oswestry Golf Club.

The four ball better ball medal competition attracted 28 teams over the weekend and by the end of play three pairs were tied at the top on 64.

But it was the pairing of David Thomas (4.6) and Ian Bowe (13.4) who were the overall winners on countback.

Second place were Darren Griffiths (5.9) and Richard Wilson (9.8). Steve France (17.3) and Glynn Buckley (15.9) battled their way to third spot.

Gary Mumford and David Probert took fourth with 65 followed by Mike Jones and Stuart Owen with a 66.Paul Taylor and Brett Hollywell also had a 66 for sixth spot.

SPORT

Llandrinio win keeps up the heat on leaders

LLANDRINIO stayed in touching distance of the leaders in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two with a 2-0 home success over Kerry reserves.

Luke Weaver and Jon Pritchard both found the net for the third placed hosts, who are still three points behind leaders Newtown Wanderers who hammered **CHURCHSTOKE** 6-0 to consolidate top spot.

Lowly **LLANYMYNECH** notched a welcome 1-0 over Newtown reserves with Mark Humphreys on the mark, while **WATERLOO COLTS** remain in the lower reaches after crashing 5-1 at Berriew whose Jonny Roberts fired a hat-trick. Ben Pullen and Wil Gittins were also on target, with Ryan Ellis responding.

MEIFOD boosted their hopes of climbing into the top half of the Honda division one after seeing off **LLANFAIR** reserves 4-1 with goals from James Edwards, Alun Hughes, Phil Hughes and Richard Corbet (penalty), with Dave Thorpe responding.

TREFONEN eased their basement worries with a 4-1 victory in the day's other action in the first division.

GUILSFIELD reserves, meanwhile, progressed in the Llansantffraid Village Cup with a 3-2 second round passage at **LLANGEDWYN** courtesy of goals from Phil Turnbull, Wil Morgan and Sam Griffiths, while Rich Evans and Nick Jones replied.

High-flying **LLANRHAEADR** reserves are out of the Newtown FC League Cup following a penalty shootout exit at **FOUR CROSSES** reserves after the tie had finished 3-3.

Stuart Bebb, Dan Jay and Scott Bright were on the mark for Four Crosses, with Ed Leyland, Paul Edwards and Boriz Martinez on the scoresheet at the other end.

ABERMULE reserves won 3-1 at Carno reserves while **WATERLOO** reserves overcame LLANSANTFFRAID reserves 3-0 with Sam Andrew, Rob Jones and Nathan James the marksmen.

Boys Club battle back for a point

OSWESTRY Boys Club had to settle for a share of the spoils as they played out a 2-2 draw at mid-table rivals Wroxeter Rovers in the Mercian Regional League division one.

Having lost 3-0 to high riding Ketley Town the previous week, the Oswestry club's hopes of getting back to winning ways were hampered by the absence of some players, and they soon found themselves behind.

Midway through the half, they were back on terms when a long throw was flicked on and Alex Clarke slotted home from close range .Wroxeter then regained the lead from the penalty spot.

The boys club, with the hard-working Ben Davies impressing, pushed for a leveller after the break, but it was Wroxeter who almost increased their advantage.

However, the Oswestry side eventually earned parity when Ollie Canlett sent a powerful half volley into the top corner.

Despite their efforts, neither side could find a winner, but the visitors would be happy enough with a point away from home.

Rugby league star Rob Massam

Rob makes Wales rugby league debut

JUST a few weeks after turning out for Oswestry, free-scoring winger Rob Massam completed a remarkable rise when making his rugby league debut for Wales.

The prolific three-quarter switched codes to join North Wales Crusaders last season after a succession of impressive displays for the Eagles – but was back in Oswestry colours for a couple of 'guest appearances' at start of the season.

After scoring three tries against Ramsey at Park Hall in the emphatic 67-0 win in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two, Massam got his first taste of International Rugby League when playing for Wales against France in Lens.

Despite losing the match 20-6, it was an occasion the talented back will never forget and his pals at Oswestry cheered on his feet, crowding around to watch his debut against the French.

"The match was televised, so the rugby club recorded it and played it after their match at Park Hall had finished," said chairman Steve Charmley.

"The cheer that went up when Rob walked down the tunnel said it all, the club is immensely proud of his achievements.

Selected

"The appearance caps a huge leap for the winger because he was still playing amateur rugby for Oswestry last season and his former team mates are very proud of him."

However, it was a losing start for Massam as France beat Wales 20-6 in the opening game of the Autumn International Series

Iestyn Harris's Welsh side got off to a fast start but three scores in six minutes from the French late in the first-half proved costly despite a gallant display from the visitors.

Massam, however, missed out on a second cap as he was not selected for Wales' clash with England at Wrexham's Racecourse last Saturday.

But it was not an auspicious occasion for the Welsh.

They crashed 80-12 to their old foes, who ran in 14 tries in a record win, with 54 points coming in the second half.

Welshpool top league but Bangor give them a fright

Welshpool 30 Bangor 24

WELSHPOOL are sitting pretty at the top of the Welsh League division three (north) – but only after being given a scare by struggling Bangor.

The Maesydre side had been expected to win quite comfortably in their rearranged game against their North Wales visitors who pulled out of the original fixture at the start of the season.

Yet, despite always having their noses in front, they were made to battle all the way before prevailing 30-24 for a bonus point which takes them three points clear at the top of the table. Of the seven games played, they have won five, drawn one and lost just once.

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

Bangor, bolstered by several new faces, were not prepared to make up the numbers as they clawed their way back, and ultimately Welshpool would have been quite happy to hear the final whistle.

Pool started well with winger Richmond Amaihe crossing for a try, converted by fly half Daley Jones who also kicked two further penalties to extend the lead to 13-0 after 20 minutes.

Bangor responded with an unconverted touchdown, before Pool captain Andrew Thomas – who later required stitches to a head wound – bagged his side's third try, converted by Jones, for a 20-5 interval lead.

Break

But the visitors refused to lie down against a Welshpool side who failed to hit their top form and stayed in the hunt with a converted try just moments after home flanker Joe Stranks had been sin binned.

Amaihe's second try soon after the interval looked to have the Maesydre men safe at 25-12, but Bangor again came back to reduce the deficit to 25-17.

Hooker Ryan Griffiths then went over for a fourth home try but, with seven minutes remaining, another score from the visitors kept the game alive.

Welshpool, however, successfully saw the game out to ensure they now go into a three-week break in a happy position at the top of the table. Their next action is a at Rhos, whom many are tipping for the title.

Welshpool's powerful Richmond Amaihe on his way to scoring the first of his two tries against Bangor

Welshpool's scrum half John Rees Jones looks to make a break in the 30 - 24 victory over Bangor that left Welshpool top of the Welsh League division three (north)

Welshpool flanker Sean Jones stops a Bangor forward in his tracks with a crunching tackle during his side's hard fought victory over a stubbon Bangor team

COBRA go through after visitors fail to raise side

COBRA progressed to the third round of the Swalec Bowl without stepping out onto the pitch as scheduled visitors Rhyl were unable to raise a side.

Welsh League two (north) rivals Rhyl had been struggling of late, but had assured the Meifod club that they would be able to fulfil the fixture.

However, they pulled out late morning, and COBRA spokesman James Watkin admitted it proved a frustrating afternoon.

"They left us high and dry," he said. "We spoke to them in midweek and they said there would be no problem, they would be sending a strong side.

"But they phoned us at 11.30 on Saturday morning to say they only had 13 players and would have to concede the game, which is very disappointing as everyone was ready for a game."

Looking to keep the pressure on the leaders in division two (north), COBRA return to league duty on Saturday with a potentially tricky trip to Llanidloes.

The Llanfair Caereinion club did manage a some action with the second team defeating Newtown II 31-5 in a friendly.

No8 Barry Jones scored two of his side's five tries, while prop Bryn Edwards, flanker Ioan Evans and centre Hedd Evans also crossed.

COBRA's youngsters recorded a resounding 56-0 win over Rhyl in the North Wales Youth League, in which three players were sent off, two from Rhyl and one from the Meifod side.

Young Eagles forced to hold on for valuable win

A YOUTHFUL Oswestry II held on for a battling 14-13 win over Wirral III to consolidate mid-table in the Raging Bull North West League division three (south).

Just like the winter sunshine, the Eagles started brightly with the forwards, led by the returning Jake Northwood, getting over the gain line well with some pumping runs.

And they took the lead 15 minutes into the game when fast thinking scrum half Craig Howell picked up from the back of a ruck and broke two tackles to score a converted try.

A few minutes later the Eagles went further ahead when good forward play laid the platform for some clean ball for the backs, who spread the ball wide to winger Nick Clay to touch down in the right hand corner.

Things were looking up for Oswestry until poor discipline led to a penalty for the opposition to convert for a 14-3 half time score.

The hosts started as they left off with some more ill-discipline giving Wirral another chance at the posts which they duly took.

Things took a turn for the worse 10 minutes later when the opposition hooker managed to sidestep and dummy three Oswestry defenders, and was left with an easy jog to score under the posts to reduce the deficit to just a point.

The rest of the game was tense with plenty of pressure on the Oswestry line but the Eagles held on to see the game out, winning by a single point.

Dixon lands seven late carp to seal match win

By Malcolm Kelly

WESTON POOLS ROUND-UP

Claypit

Sunday, October 21

18 anglers

IN the last hour John caught seven nice carp to clinch the match with 32-04 followed by Dave Evans with 21-03 made up of carp and F1's.

Result:1 John Dixon (Tri-cast Weston) peg 29 Claypit 32-04, 2 Dave Evans (Deggy's) peg 24 Claypit 21-03, 3 Graham Thomas (Deggy's)peg 3 Claypit 15-12, 4 Ian Ellis peg 26 Claypit 15-12.

Weston Open

Tuesday, October 23,

15 anglers

The Wilfred Owen pool produced the winning weight once again.

Mike Philbin fishing peg 6 on pellet/maggot up in water landed a catch of roach, carp and barbel to take the honours.

Allan Jones fishing the Canal on peg 25 came second with 61-06.

Result: 1 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 6 Wilfred own 108-00, 2 Allan Jones (Tri-cast Weston) pag 25 Canal 61-06, 3 ndy Amos (Airbus) pag 27 Belvidere 56-02, 4 Matt Carroll (Airbus) pag 32 Stretton 46-08.

Weston Over 55's

Wednesday, October 24

27 anglers

Arthur Wood took the prize by just 1lb from Dereck Buckle.

Arthur had one more fish with 53-05 against Dereck's 52-06 both on two pools.

Arthur on Canal fishing long pole on peg 34 and Dereck on Stretton peg 6 using a short pole for carp F1's and barbel.

Result: 1 Arthur Wood (Tri-cast Weston) pag 34 Canal 53-05, 2 Dereck Buckle (Tri-cast Weston) peg 6 Stretton 52-06, 3 Mel Kitson (Rod & Reel) peg 30 Stretton 48-10, 4 Steve Norman (Connor's Quay) peg 46 Canal 39-14.

Weston Over 55's

Friday, October 26

Mike Ellis won by a short head from Mel Kitson . Mike had 49-14 to Mel's 47-08 with both on the Belvidere pool.

Mike fished tip to land carp to 7lbs while Mel on pole landed barbel on maggot.

Result:1 Mike Ellis (Tri-cast Weston) peg 27 Belvidere 49-14, 2 Mel Kitson (Rod & Gun) peg 3 Belvidere 47-08, 3 Mike Willi-ams (Church Stretton peg 22 Belvidere 32-04, 4 Dereck Buckle (Tri-cast Weston) peg 24 Belvidere 31-04.

Weston Open

Saturday, October 27

15 anglers

Chester St. Theresa,s angler Andy Griffiths won the Weston Open on saturday fisihing off peg 25 at the Belvidere pool

Fishing short pole with pellet/maggot he landed carp and barbel to 7lbs for 88-13.

Result: 1 Andy Griffiths (Chester St Theresa's)peg 25 Belvidere 88-13, 2 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 4 Wilfrid own 64-12, 3 Matt Davies (Airbus) peg Wilfred Owen 64-12, 4 Mark Plevin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 18 Canal 37-06, 5 Andy Spencer (Tackle Locker) peg 12 Belvidere 34-02, 6 Mick Keene (Tri-cast Weston) peg 33 Belvidere 31-12.

Weston Open

Sunday, October 28,

24 anglers

Results: 1 Ian Leach, peg 2 Belvidere 35-00, 2 Geoff Grantham peg 15 Weir 32-07, 3 Mike Flanagan (Rod & reel) peg 11 Belvidere 25-04, 4 Bob Parris (Tri-cast Weston) peg 7 Weir 22-02, 5 Pete Johnstone (Tri-cast Weston) peg 6 Belvidere 19-12, 6 Richard Lowry (Tri-cast Weston) peg 11 Belvidere 18-15.

SPORT

Big boost for Guilsfield as they send Druids packing

GUILSFIELD gave themselves a timely boost as they sent Cefn Druids crashing out of the Cymru Alliance League Cup with a 1-0 victory to reach the last eight.

After a string of narrow league defeats, the victory against the fancied Ancients will certainly lift the spirits for the Guils who lifted the trophy two seasons ago.

Martyn Ziemann's strike after just eight minutes proved enough, with the forward capitalising on a defence muddle to set up a home quarter-final tie with old adversaries Flint who defeated the Guils in the Welsh Cup earlier in the season.

The game's decisive moment came when defender Adam Hesp played the ball back to Chris Mullock on his weaker left foot and the goalkeeper's attempted clearance struck the striker and rolled into the net.

Druids struggled to come to terms with the early blow and found it difficult to get any authority in the match.

Guilsfield almost made it 2-0 in the 31st minute when a miscued shot found Ben White, but the former Llanrhaeadr striker poked his shot narrowly wide of the far post.

Mullock then had to be alert as Guilsfield broke forward from a Druids corner and Jonathon Jones was played through but Mullock was quick off his line to block the danger.

A minute before the break Druids came close to equalising as Joe Price's curling cross was heading goalwards, but Mike Burke could only head over as he looked to make sure.

Home keeper Dave Littleford made fine save in the 55th minute to deny Rees Darlington when tipping a 20-yarder over the bar, while at the other end White and Ziemann were both narrowly off target.

With 10 minutes remaining Burke was through one-on-one with Littleford, but again the 'keeper was quick off his line to block the striker's shot, while sub Kieran Quinn and Rees Darlington were narrowly off target in the closing moments. Victory was just the job for Russell Cadwallader and his side who face a crunch home clash with Ruthin Town in the Cymru Alliance on Saturday as they look for three much needed points.

LLANRHAEADR bowed out of the Cymru Alliance League Cup with a 2-1 first round exit at Penrhyncoch – but boss Dan Stevens was more than happy with his side's efforts.

Trailed

The two sides had met in the league just seven days before, with Penrhyn also winning 2-1, and Stevens made six changes for the return.

"I was pleased with the lads who came in, they did a good job," he said."Overall, we were a bit unlucky, we hit the post three times in the second half, but I can't have too many complaints. We did really well.

"We've now got a big few weeks coming up, we are at home to Buckley in the league on Saturday, then it's the Welsh Cup (home to Llanrug United), followed by Rhyl in the league." Llanrhaeadr trailed on 27 minutes when Jonny Evans side footed home a cross, but they clawed their way back into the game. Dan Roberts and Mat Jones (twice) were both foiled by the woodwork, while home keeper Leigh Jenkins made one smart save.

They eventually got back on terms on 78 minutes when reserve team forward Mike Roberts broke through and forced the ball home past keeper Jenkins.

But just three minutes later, with Dan Kelly off pitch having repairs for a split boot, Penrhyn made the most of a gap in the defence with Griffiths finding the net after his initial efforts had been blocked.

Llanrhaeadr return to league duty at home to Buckley Town on Saturday, a game they need to win to ease their basement fears.

Josh Wood is still suspended, while the club are still waiting on international clearance for Guy Guilford, but a new signing could be included.

Village stay in touch as Matthews grabs point

LLANSANTFFRAID Village remain in touching distance of the Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders after being involved in a fluctuating 3-3 draw with Newbridge at Treflan.

There was little in it, with Dale Lloyd giving the villagers an interval lead.

Newbridge levelled after the break only for Wayne Austin to restore the home advantage.

The visitors then went 3-2 up, but Iwan Matthews levelled for Llansantffraid while both sides could have won it in an eventful last few minutes.

Newbridge also finished with 10 men after having a player sent off late on.

FOUR CROSSES, despite having no game, stayed top of the table on goal difference after rivals and second placed Aberaeron suffered a surprise 3-1 loss at Tywyn Bryncrug

Llanidloes Town are third, just one point behind after hitting back to win 5-3 at fourth placed **BERRIEW** who had led 3-2 early in the second half.

In the first period, Rob Pritchard was on the mark for the hosts with Karl Seliearts and Tom Goodwin responding for the Daffs who held a 2-1 advantage at the break.

But two goals in as many minutes early in the second period from Christian Webster and Mark Jones gave Berriew hope of victory only for Llani to storm back with further strikes from Seliearts and Goodwin before sub Jamie Breese settled the issue in the last minute.

CARNO crashed 5-0 at Bow Street while **WELSHPOOL TOWN** – beaten 5-1 at home to Aberystwyth University in midweek – saw their losing run continue with a 3-1 reverse to Builth Wells at Maesydre.

WATERLOO ROVERS are fifth but failed to make too much ground on the leaders after being held 2-2 at Aberystwyth University. However, they are still just three points off top.

Eighth win on the trot for United

HIGH-FLYING **LLANFAIR UNITED** are going great guns at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division two after reeling off their eighth straight win with a 5-1 home hammering of Presteigne.

James Davies led the charge with two goals , while Paul Griffiths, Chris Gethin and Rich Astley also found the net as Rhys Stephens' side go from strength to strength.

The league leaders also had the luxury of missing two penalties, both saved by stand-in keeper Anthony Vernall, after Presteigne stopper Simon Hamer was sent off.

Victory sees Llanfiar six points clear at the top from second placed Llandrindod Wells who were emphatic 6-0 winners over Talgarth.

Two points behind are third placed **KERRY** who won 2-1 at home to Hay St Mary's. At the other end of the table, two goals from Cody Smart helped lowly **LLANFYLLIN** climb away from the drop zone with a 3-1 home success over basement side Machynlleth, Tamir Law also on the mark.

ABERMULE ran out 3-1 winners against struggling Bont, while Knighton recorded a 5-3 home win over Aberdyfi.

Battling Saints are downed by two-goal Airbus striker

Airbus UK 2 The New Saints 1

MISSED chances returned to haunt The New Saints who relinquished pole position in the Welsh Premier with defeat at the hands of title rivals Airbus.

Two headed goals from big striker Chris Budrys, one in each half, secured the spoils for the Wingmakers who avenged defeat on the opening date of the season, with Aaron Edwards levelling for the visitors early in the second period.

Victory means that Prestatyn are now top following their 4-2 win at Afan Lido, while it is now a three-way tie in second with Airbus, TNS and Bangor City all one point behind.

It proved a disappointing night at the Airfield for the Saints, who have now lost two of their last three outings, and for director of football Craig Harrison who made a losing return to the club he left last December.

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

The visitors dominated long periods of possession, and head coach Carl Darlington admitted the scoreline did not reflect his side's efforts.

"We created so many good chances, but we're lacking that ruthlessness and composure at the moment," he said.

"But we've got so much flair and ability in the side we know it will turn, but at the moment it is not quite happening for us.

"We failed to take four good chances in the first half, dominated from start to finish, had a stonewall penalty turned down late in the game, while Airbus had two efforts on goal and scored with them both.

"We're working so hard to create chances, while at the other end we gave a way a couple of poor goals, and that is something else we have to work on.

"But we've only conceded eight in the league, and we would have taken that at the start of the season.

"It was disappointing losing to Airbus after playing so well, but we're still only a third of the way through the season and we're still right up there, so we're not too concerned."

Buoyed by their 4-1 win at Aberystwyth last week, the Saints started brightly and almost went ahead on 27 minutes when Alex Darlington clipped the outside of the far post.

But Airbus got their noses in front just two minutes later when striker Budrys nodded home a Lee Owens cross from the right after the fullback had worked a one-two with Wayne Riley.

The Saints continued to look incisive with several good opportunities.

And they finally found the net four minutes into the second period when Edwards was played through before firing past keeper Ben Chapman.

Boosted

However, the Wingmakers restored their advantage when, against the run of play, they bagged the winner on 65 minutes as Budrys powerfully headed home a corner from Tom Field following some slack marking.

TNS pushed for a leveller, mounting a grandstand finish as four minutes of added time extended into six but, despite having claims for a penalty, they were unable to force an equaliser.

Airbus's delight at the finally whistle said it all after producing a resolute defensive defensive display to hold firm for a win that took them joint top, albeit for a few hours.

Bangor City, last season's runners-up, boosted their title challenge with a 6-2 hammering at newcomers GAP Connah's Quay.

Les Davies netted two of the goals, while Peter Hoy, top scorer Chris Simm, Chris Jones and an Alan Hooley own goal completed the tally.

GAP, who had Ricky Evans sent off on 66 minutes, had led through Michael Robinson's 20th minute opener before Jamie Petrie bagged a consolation two minutes from time.

The TNS defence can only stand and watch as Airbus celebrate striker Chris Budrys' second goal in their 2-1 victory.

Preece happy to stay in top four

ANDY Preece was happy to relish the moment after Airbus UK boosted their Welsh Premier credentials with a 2-1 win over defending champions The New Saints.

But the Wingmakers' director of football was also keeping his feet firmly on the ground, insisting that a top six finish is still the main aim despite being joint second in the"

"It's an unbelievable feeling to be in this position after 12 games, it's a fantastic achievement by a club like ours, but the aim still is the top six," Preece said.

"We saw today what a great team TNS are. When they move the ball and pass it they are so difficult to play against and you have to work so hard, our lads are absolutely shattered because they've worked so hard for each other.

Awesome

"Really, they didn't create too many opportunities, they had more in the first half than they did in the second half, and I think we nullified them well.

"We're always dangerous on the break and at set-pieces as well, so the lads deserved that, they've been awesome all season, and hopefully we can continue that on."

Struggling Ellesmere pay the ultimate penalty for late foul

MIDLAND Alliance strugglers Ellesmere were undone by a late penalty as they went down 2-1 away at Coventry Sphinx.

Rangers, who handed Matty Preece his full debut on Saturday, got off to a flying start on 11 minutes when Connor Courtney lashed in a Harry Ioannou cross.

Preece twice went close to doubling their advantage but Rickie Cutting levelled with just five minutes of normal time remaining. The visitors conceded again from the penalty spot after Rob Dean was adjudged to committed a foul in the area. Kiam Galdings slotted home from 12 yards to complete his side's comeback leaving Ellesmere still five points adrift at the bottom of the table.

Match of agony and ecstasy for keepers

Morda United 1 Whitchurch Alport 1

IT WAS a tale of two goalkeepers as Morda United were locked in a 1-1 home draw with Whitchurch Alport in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

Morda's Sam Jones kept his side in the game with four fine saves in the first half hour before Whitchurch took the lead through Dan Tinsley.

By contrast, it proved a nightmare for his counterpart Ian Owen, in the Alport goal, who gifted Ian Heathcock a second half equaliser when an attempted sidestep on the goal line backfired allowing the Morda substitute a simple tap-in.

Unmarked

Whitchurch were making the first of two successive journeys to Morda for this league encounter, with the sides meeting again at Weston Road this Saturday in the Shropshire Challenge Cup.

Morda entered the game buoyed by their fine midweek victory over Wem Town in the Powell Cup that took them into the last four.

However, it was the visitors who were the most impressive in the first period and their first chance came on 10 minutes when a cross fell to the unmarked Dominic O'Keefe whose header was well saved by Sam Jones.

Jones then again thwarted O'Keefe saving bravely in a one-on-one, while at the other end Gareth Lewis then led two good breaks for the home side, with Dan Graham going close with a header in one of the raids.

Keeper Jones was then back in action, saving well from a Dan Tinsley freekick and a Chris Owen shot. However he could do little when Tinsley headed Alport into the lead from a corner on the half hour.

The visitors took control of the game after the break as they appeared faster and more determined than the home side, and Morda had an escape when Tinsley shot wide after good work by George Halley.

The game, however, turned when Whitchurch goalkeeper Owen's unsuccessful attempt at side stepping Ian Heathcock in the goal line left the alert Morda substitute with a simple tap in to equalise.

This sparked a lively final quarter of an hour as Morda found a victory suddenly possible.

Keiron Barry began to get the better of his marker with several fine runs and was unlucky to see a cross just out of reach of his strikers before a Graham cross from the right suffered the same fate.

Encounter

A good ball from debutant Dave Hughes was passed by Joe Coulson to brother Tom who nearly hit the winner.

But, despite their late efforts, the encounter ended with points shared and setting up an interesting encounter when the two teams return for a Shropshire County Challenge Cup tie on Saturday at Weston Road (1.30pm).

PLACINGS

Mercian Regional Football League

Premier division: Allscott 1 Wellington Amateurs Reserves 2, Church Stretton 2 Ketley Bank Utd 0, Dawley Town 0 Shifnal Utd '97 4, Morda Utd 1 Whitchurch Alport 1, Oakengates Athletic 2 FC Hodnet 0.

Division one: Bishop's Castle Town 2 Oswestry Lions 2, Brown Clee 3 Meole Brace 1, Ketley Town 3 Hopesgate Utd 2, Madeley Sports 1 Rock Rovers 2, Prees 6 Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 3, Shawbury Utd Reserves 3 Morda Utd Reserves 2, Wroxeter Rovers 2 Oswestry Boys Club 2.

Division two: Albrighton Juniors 1 Edgmond Rangers 4, Childs Ercall 7 Madeley Sports Reserves 1, Claverley 3 Oakengates Rangers 4, Donnington S & S 4 Impact Utd 1, Highley Miners Welfare 11 Denso 0, Randlay 2012 1 Market Drayton Tigers 2, Wrockwardine Wood 1 Athletico Broseley 2.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Church Stretton	12	6	2	23	18	22
FC Hodnet	11	6	3	21	11	20
Shifnal United '97	12	6	4	21	14	20
AFC Ludlow	8	6	1	21	11	19
Oakengates Ath	11	6	4	21	12	19
Allscott	11	5	5	23	19	16
Telford Jnrs	9	4	2	15	12	15
Wellington Arms Rs	10	3	6	14	23	10
Ketley Bank Utd	11	3	7	14	24	10
Morda United	9	4	2	17	12	9
Weston Rhyn	10	2	7	9	20	7
Whitchurch Alp Rs	9	1	5	12	19	6
Dawley Town	7	1	5	4	20	4

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ketley Town	12	11	1	63	16	33
Madeley Sports	12	9	3	44	13	27
Prees	11	9	2	48	19	27
Rock Rovers	11	8	1	53	19	26
Oswestry Lions	11	8	2	33	22	25
Bishop's Castle Tn	11	7	1	39	17	24
Brown Clee	12	6	5	29	23	19
Oswestry Boys Clb	12	5	5	25	22	17
Wroxeter Rovers	10	4	5	30	25	13
Olee Hill	10	2	7	22	40	7
Morda Utd Rs	11	2	8	17	49	7
Hopesgate Utd	11	2	9	25	48	6
Shawbury Utd Rs	12	2	10	10	50	6
Wrock Wood Jnrs	9	1	8	14	51	3
Meole Brace	11	1	10	13	51	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates Rngs	12	10	1	45	16	31
Childs Ercall	11	9	1	59	13	28
Mkt Drayton Tigers	11	9	1	30	10	28
Athletico Broseley	12	8	3	44	23	25
Claverley	12	8	4	54	20	24
AFC Wellington	10	7	2	46	19	22
Edgmond Rngs	11	5	4	35	18	17
Wrock Wood	10	5	4	36	17	16
Randlay 2012	11	5	5	33	29	16
Impact	12	5	7	25	35	15
Donnington S&S	10	4	5	22	24	13
Highley Miners Wf	12	4	8	31	43	12
Madeley Sports Rs	10	2	8	12	38	6
Spalaig Britannia	12	2	10	15	70	6
Albrighton Jnrs	10	1	9	8	34	3
Denso	12	0	12	4	90	0

Spar Mid Wales League

Division one: Aberystwyth Uni 2, Waterloo 2; Berriew 3, Llanidloes 5; Bow Street 5, Carno 0; Llansantffraid Village 3, Newbridge-on-Wye 3; Tywyn Bryncrug 3, Aberaeron 1; Welshpool 1, Builth Wells 3.

Division two: Abermule 3, Bont 1; Kerry 2, Hay St Mary's 1; Knighton 5, Aberdyfi 3; Llandrindod Wells 6, Talgarth 0; Llanfair Utd 5, Presteigne 1; Llanfyllin 3, Machynlleth 1.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Four Crosses	9	6	1	25	11	20
Aberaeron	10	6	2	19	6	20
Llanidloes	8	6	1	38	11	19
Berriew	12	5	4	30	21	18
Waterloo	9	5	2	24	22	17
Builth Wells	10	5	3	20	21	17
Llansantffraid	11	4	4	31	23	15
Bow Street	9	4	2	28	20	15
Montgomery	7	4	1	20	5	14
Newbridge	9	4	3	22	19	14
Tywyn/Bryncrug	6	4	2	16	10	12
Aber Uni	6	2	3	11	10	7
Carno	9	2	6	12	22	7
Welshpool	12	2	10	18	49	6
Dyffryn Banw	10	2	8	14	46	6
Dolgellau	11	1	10	10	42	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanfair Utd	8	8	0	29	3	24
Llandrindod Wells	6	6	1	22	3	18
Kerry	10	5	4	16	18	16
Hay St Marys	10	4	4	33	34	14
Rhosgoch	9	3	3	24	20	12
Talgarth	10	3	4	19	23	12
Knighton	7	3	3	22	14	10
Abermule	9	3	4	17	23	10
Presteigne	5	2	1	16	13	8
Aberdyfi	9	2	5	21	33	8
Llanfyllin	7	2	3	16	18	8
Bont	8	2	6	13	33	6
Machynlleth	6	0	5	8	21	1

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Rhyl	11	10	0	37	8	31
Cefn Druids	11	8	1	27	9	26
Caersws	11	8	2	29	8	25
Conwy Borough	11	5	3	15	15	18
Flint Town United	11	6	3	26	12	20
Penrhyncoch	11	4	4	17	20	15
Holyhead Hotspur	11	5	6	18	24	15
Rhydymwyn	11	3	5	17	33	12
Penycae	11	3	6	16	24	11
Guilsfield	11	3	6	12	22	11
Buckley Town	11	3	4	17	13	13
Porthmadog	11	4	6	16	19	13
Rhayader Town	11	3	7	17	28	10
Llanrhaeadr	11	2	5	14	29	10
Llandudno	11	2	6	9	21	9
Ruthin Town	11	2	7	18	20	8

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Waterloo ready for fight with top dogs

WATERLOO Rovers face a home showdown with Four Crosses on Saturday as the leading pack continue to jostle for pole position in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

A glance at the league table shows the importance of the game with Waterloo, although fifth, just three points adrift of Nick Popyk's Four Crosses side who are top on goal difference from Aberaeron.

Rovers were unable to make up too much ground last week following a hard-fought 2-2 at Aberystwyth University, and were indebted to two goals from Steve Jones against his old team.

The college twice led, with Phil Draper netting the first from the penalty spot and Barney Tierney scoring their second.

Illness

But Jones earned parity with a brace, his first from the penalty spot and his second a well-taken lob after a flick on from Waterloo's man-of-the match Gaz Turner.

"We didn't honestly deserve much from the game," admitted boss Dale Roberts.

"Aber seem to be a bit of a bogey team for us, so taking that into consideration I'll take a point.

"We lost a couple of players to illness on the morning of the match, although I'd like to think that the side we fielded was still strong enough to win the game.

"But the Uni were very well organised and closed us down well and made life difficult for the 90 minutes."

He added: "We're now looking forward to welcoming Nick and everyone from Four Crosses on Saturday and hope it will be a thoroughly entertaining game."

Town woes deepen after skipper hurt

LANGUISHING in the doldrums, Welshpool Town suffered more woes with skipper Ian Jones now facing a lengthy lay off.

Defender Jones was stretchered off with ankle ligament damage in his side's 3-1 home loss to Builth Wells. Tom Reynolds netting the goal for Town.

Tough task

Defeat sees the Lilywhites third from bottom in the Spar Mid Wales League division one, just above local rivals Dyffryn Banw on goal difference.

It has been a disappointing few weeks for Pool who, also beaten 5-1 against Aberystwyth University a few days before, now face a tough task at title chasing Llanidloes Town tomorrow night.

Eagles look to bounce back

SHELLSHOCKED Oswestry look to pick up the pieces as they bid to maintain their unbeaten home record in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire Two against Wallasey on Saturday.

The mid-table Eagles were left licking their wounds as a weakened side crashed 85-0 to rampant league leaders Sefton last Saturday.

But they will be hoping to put that unflattering scoreline to the back of their minds when they return to duty at Granville Park where they are still undefeated this term.

The hosts should have no shortage off support as there promises to be a big crowd to cheer on the Eagles as it is also the club's sponsors day. However, there was little to cheer last week as Sefton, who have won all nine games while scoring 385 points this season, showed no mercy on Oswestry's fragile looking squad.

Experience

Already missing their senior coaches due to other prior commitments, the Eagles also lost some experienced players who opted to support former team mate Rob Massam who was hoping to pick up his second Rugby League Cap for Wales against England at Wrexham.

As it turned out, Massam did not feature in the side despite having impressed the previous week, making it a frustrating time all round.

The combination of these situations left Oswestry desperately short on pitchside support and experience on the field against their Merseysde hosts, with 80 minutes of one-sided rugby reflecting that.

The game did give the Eagles an opportunity to try out some of the regular second team players and hand them an experience of senior rugby.

However, against a much improved and title chasing Sefton, it is questionable what the learning points were.

Morda to up their game for cup glory

LAST season's beaten finalists Morda United hope to embark on another run in the Shropshire County Cup when they tackle Whitchurch Alport in the first round at Weston Road on Saturday (1.30pm).

The two sides should need no introductions, having met in the Mercian Regional League premier division just last weekend, with the sides finishing 1-1.

Another tight encounter is on the cards, but Morda boss Craig Rogers is backing his side to maintain their excellent form in cup competitions with home advantage.

Morda had no fewer than eight players missing in last week's draw, and know they will need to up their game to ensure they are in the second round.

"All in all, it was a point gained after a poor peformance on the whole which we will need to improve on in the cup," said Rogers whose side reached the final last term before losing 3-1 to favourites Bridgnorth at Shrewsbury Town despite taking the lead through Dan Graham.

Tricky

Meanwhile, in the league, Morda now find themselves seven points off the pace, although they do have three games in hand on the leaders.

Morda reserves, meanwhile, are being dragged into the trouble in division one after being edged out 3-2 at struggling Shawbury United reserves, their fifth defeat on the bounce.

Elsewhere, **WESTON RHYN's** home clash with Telford Juniors in the premier division was postponed as their visitors could not raise a side due to illness. Rhyn now face a tricky trip to leaders Church Stretton on Saturday.

ST MARTINS find themselves 12th in the West Midlands League division one after suffering a disappointing 4-1 home loss to lowly Leominster.

Stung by the loss, the Saints will be keen to bounce back at Penncroft on Saturday with their hosts lying just one place below in the table.

NO NEED TO PANIC SAYS SAINTS BOSS

HEAD coach Carl Darlington insists there's no cause for alarm as The New Saints bid to get their Welsh Premier title defence back on track in Saturday's home clash with struggling Afan Lido.

The Saints surrendered pole position after losing 2-1 at one of their main rivals Airbus UK last Friday, their second loss in three league games and this was despite once again dominating much of the encounter.

by John Bridgwater

Missed chances is becoming a recurring theme, and one that Darlington is eager to rectify ahead of Saturday's home encounter with struggling Lido.

"We're looking for a reaction although there was not to much wrong with last week's performance, but it's just the finer detail," he said.

"At Airbus, we dominated from the first whistle and created so many chances, and we know we have to improve in the final third as missed chances are costing us.

"But we've got so much flair and ability in the side we know it will turn, but at the moment it is not quite happening for us. We're working so hard to create chances, while at the other end we're giving away some poor goals which is disappointing, and that is something else we have to work on.

"But we've only conceded eight goals in the league, and we would have taken that at the start of the season.

"It was frustrating losing to Airbus after playing so well, but we're still only a third of the way through the season and we're still right up there, so we're not too concerned."

Delighted

A much-changed TNS side did get back to winning ways in midweek with a 3-2 victory at Bala Town in the league cup quarter-final, with several fringe and injured players getting a chance to stake their claims.

Darlington, meanwhile, was delighted to see forward Matty Williams back in contention after his long term knee problem.

"It's good to see Matty back," he said."He is a proven goal-scorer, and he will give us a bit more composure up front, something we have been lacking in our last few games."

Saints duo Chris Jones, left, and Chris Marriott battle with Airbus striker Chris Budrys who scored both his side's goals in their 2-1 win over the Saints

Under-19s fail to take advantage of early lead

THE New Saints under-19s were left kicking themselves following their 2-2 draw against Airbus in the Welsh Premier under-19 Academy League at Park Hall.

The hosts were 2-0 up inside 16 minutes through Ryan Kershaw (after just 23 seconds) and Ryan Jones, but the Wingmakers hit back with replies from Zaac Edwards (55) and substitute Lee Jones (76).

Ryan Jones could have won it it for the Saints but saw his penalty, three minutes from time, saved by keeper Nathan Williams who also stopped the rebound.

Under-16s on win roll

WELSHPOOL'S under-16s recorded their second victory of the season with a 33-22 victory over Glyn Ceiriog in their first home game.

A hat-trick of tries from Matt Whitehouse, along with tries from Ally Evans and Adam Gough, four of which were converted by Rhys Evans, gave Pool their victory. The win will set them up for this weekend's match with Shrewsbury,

Welshpool had mixed fortunes in the under-eights tournament at Bala, losing 55-30 to the hosts before defeating Dolgellau 45-35.

Ladies given a thumping

TNS ladies lost ground on the leaders in the West Midlands League premier division when they crashed 5-1 to lowly Hereford Pegasus

The Saints had gone into the game in third spot but were out of tune as they ended up well beaten, Laura Morris firing a consolation.

Baker double sees TNS go through

Bala Town 2 TNS 3

TWO goals from defender Phil Baker earned The New Saints their ticket for the semi-finals of the Welsh Premier League Cup despite a brave fightback from Bala.

The four times winners of the competition looked well placed as they carved a two goal lead midway through the first half with goals from forward Greg Draper (6) and Baker (24).

Thoughts of a comfortable evening were soon dispelled as Bala rallied after the break. The home side pulled level with two strikes in four minutes from Ian Sheridan (70) and Mark Jones (74). However, the Saints were not to be denied as Baker grabbed his second and decisive goal just two minutes later.

In the semi-final, the Saints will be at home to Airbus UK, who were 3-1 extra time winners over GAP Connah's Quay.

Carmarthen Town, who beat Port Talbot 3-2, will host Llanelli who ran out as 6-3 winners against Afan Lido in the other last four tie.

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